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# PREFACE

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As a proper accompaniment to such a narrative history as is contained in the first volume of this work, is the department of Genealogical and Personal History, prepared under the editorial supervision of John W. Jordan, LL. D., of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Its purpose has been to present many of the most important family records of Westmoreland county. History, proper, of necessity, is a narrative of what has been accomplished by people in the mass, and can take little note of individuals. Here begins the mission of the genealogist and investigator of the personal lives of those who have borne the heat and burden of the day, in tracing whence and from whom they came, in portraying their deeds and the spirit with which they were actuated, and holding up their effort as an example to those who come afterward. The story of such achievements is a sacred trust committed to the people of the present, upon whom devolves the perpetuation of the record. The custodian of records concerning the useful men of preceding generations, and of their descendants who have lived lives of honor and usefulness, who places his knowledge in preservable and accessible form, performs a public service in rendering honor to whom honor is due, inculcating the most valuable lessons of patriotism and good citizenship. This fact finds recognition in the warm welcome given in recent years to Genealogical and Family Histories. Such are in constant and general demand, and are sought for in the great libraries, by book, magazine and newspaper writers and lecturers, from foreign lands, as well as from all portions of our own country. Such a work as this now in hand will possess an especial value for those who, out of a laudable pride, seek to trace their descent from those who battled for the making of the United States, and who may thus establish their eligibility to membership in various patriotic orders.

With reference to the genealogical and biographical matter contained in these pages, it is to be said that in its preparation the publishers have observed the utmost care. With such a mass of material, as a matter of necessity, the work must needs be committed to various writers. If, in some cases, the sketch should be incomplete or faulty, the shortcoming is ascribable to the paucity of data furnished, many families being without exact records in their family line. In all cases the sketches have been submitted to the subject or to his representative, for correction and revision.

It is believed that the present work will prove a real addition to the mass of literature concerning the people of the historic region under consideration, and that, without it, much valuable information therein contained would be irretrievably lost, owing to the passing away of many custodians of family records and the disappearance of such matter.

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# HISTORY OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY

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## TOPOLOGY OF THE NEALOGY OF FOLIA VON HORN LAGER,

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as a warrior, and served for a long time in the army of the German Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, who, in consideration of his services, granted him an estate in the Valley of the Rens, Lower Suavia, and who also gave him the old title of nobility and emblematical heraldry, confirmed by the Emperor. This may be proved, as can be seen in the record of Heraldry in the City of Mayence, by this document, which has been issued in Mayence in the year 1240, giving the above title of privileges. Ernst flourished in Lower



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HON. GEORGE FRANKLIN HUFF, the present member of Congress from the twenty-first district of Pennsylvania, whose home is in Greensburg, is the son of George Huff III, and was born July 16th, 1842, at Norristown, Pennsylvania. The history of the Huff (originally von Hoof) family, is closely identified with that of Berks county as to its settlement in America. Their ancestry is traced in the following from the European List of Heraldry and Genealogy in the Vienna Library, as translated by Gottlieb Hausser, of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

"ORIGIN OF THE GENEALOGY OF THE VON HOOF FAMILY,  
its first historical notoriety, and further circulation from authentic sources."

The generation of von Hoof is originally traced to have resided in Bavaria, where it did in olden times belong to the Knighthood, free from duties to the Empire. It had its permanent estates near the City of Passau. It is noted in the Vienna tables of genealogy as a generation which was famous amongst the Bavarian Knighthood and nobility and the first ancestor was Baldwin von Hoof, who dwelled in his own castle, so called from the ancient Knights, and he lived in the castle and estate Hoof, situate near Passau. The emblem in his shield consisted of a cross-log, signifying that his ancestors were princes. At his helmet he wore an emblem resembling a flower pot, a lily reaching out from it, which denoted that he was of French extraction. This is the origin of the heraldic emblem of this generation, and the emblem yet existing can be traced to these tokens on shield and helmet. The maiden name of Baldwin's wife was Isabelle von Stolberg. Baldwin came to his death in the first crusade in the month of July, A. D., 1099, whilst taking part in the storming of Jerusalem. He only left one son, whose name was Waldemar, who also took part in the crusade, but escaped with his life and safely arrived in Germany. After fighting for several years as a brave Knight in the Orient, he united himself in the bonds of matrimony with Julia von Helmhorst, and the Duke of Bavaria appointed him governor of the City of Augsburg. Waldemar died A. D. 1154, and left their sons, Julius, Ernst and Wolfgang von Hoof. Julius took possession of the family castle, but his generation died out and ceased to exist already in the fourteenth century. Wolfgang preferred the divine profession, and died as Bishop of Ortia in Italy.

Ernst was a warrior, and served for a long time in the army of the German Emperor, Fredericus Barbarossa, who, in consideration of his services, endowed him with an estate in the Valley of the Rems, Lower Suavia, and who also renewed the old title of nobility and emblematical heraldry, confirmed by letter and approved, as can be seen in the record of Heraldry in the City of Vienna, and this document, which has been issued in Mayence in the year 1172, is renewing the above title of privileges. Ernst flourished in Lower

Suavia, and his posterity is found up to the year A. D. 1348, but in that year they fell victims of an epidemic disease which had come from Asia, and was like a pestilence, commonly called the 'black death,' and only one, Rudolph von Hoof, remained alive, but the original estate was already in other hands, and Count Eberhard der Greiner, of Wurtemberg, employed him as woodranger. He was stationed at Aichelberg, and his wife's maiden name was Mechtilde von Stadion. He died in Schorndorf at a very old age in 1394, and left four sons, but only one of them, Elias von Hoof, married, a Christine Junginger. He purchased an estate in the vicinity of Schorndorf, and lived there with his wife a very peaceable life. He did not regard his old title of nobility, and his descendants followed the culture of grapes and husbandry.

In the Peasant's War all the sons of Hoof's lost their lives in the battle at Roeblingen, except Elam, who was subsequently magistrate at Pleidelsheim. He was married to Anna Maria Gessler of Besigheim, and died, well advanced in years, A. D. 1567. His two sons' names were Johann Anton and Jacob Friedrich von Hoof. Johann Anton's descendants removed to Graubunden during the thirty years' War, and from that time no account could be had of them.

Jacob Frederick settled down in Besigheim as merchant and inn-keeper, and married Elizabeth Dieterich. He died in the year 1602. His son Justus von Hoof served in the Spanish Army for a long time and also took an active part in the campaigns in the Netherlands, Italy and Germany, and finally settled down in the City of Lauffen, on the Neckar, where he married Gertrude Loeffler. He died in the year 1652, and left three sons, whose names were Conrad, Wilhelm and George von Hoof. The descendants of these sons have spread over Wurtemberg and Baden and one of them, Wilhelm, owing to a great famine which was prevailing in Wurtemberg in 1771, moved away and emigrated, no doubt to America, but no certain accounts of the further fate of the family could be obtained.

I. John Frederick von Hoof, son of Paul von Hoof, was born in Berking, Germany, July 8, 1734, and when a young man emigrated to America. On October 25, 1757, he was married to Susanna, a daughter of John and Mary Elizabeth Keim. He was a farmer by occupation and a Lutheran in religion. Not regarding the family title he dropped the von and since 1840 the name in America has been spelled "Huff." John Frederick Hoof died April 26, 1816, and was buried in the old graveyard on Rauch's farm on the road leading from Seisholtzville to Huff's Church, the latter being in Herford township, Berks county. His wife, Susanna, died May 12, 1809, aged 69 years, and was buried in the same place. By their marriage the following children were born: Frederick, George, Henry, Susanna, with other sons and daughters. Susanna was married to Abraham Mensch, of Herford township.

II. George Huff, son of John Frederick, and the grandfather of the Honorable George F. Huff, of Greensburg, was born August 1, 1779, at Huff's Church. He was a farmer and a hotel keeper and of the Lutheran religious faith as had been his father. He was married to Anna Mull, by whom the following named children were born: Lydia, married James Bartram; Hettie, married Charles McNulty; Maria, married David Sassman; and George George Huff II, was liberal in his donations to the Church, and gave the premises upon which was built Huff's Church and also the land used for burial purposes. He died February 24th, 1845.

III. George Huff, IV, son of George Huff III, was born at Huff's Church in 1813. He was married to Caroline Boyer and they were the par-

ents of George Franklin Huff. He was a merchant and first lived at Huff's Church, and in 1840 moved to Norristown, and from there to Middletown, in Dauphin County, and five years later removed to Altoona, Pennsylvania. He died in 1858.

The maternal genealogy of Hon. George F. Huff is as follows:

I. Michael George Kuhns (Kunzen-Koons) left Germany and arrived in Philadelphia on September 27, 1727, and purchased a tract of land adjoining that owned by Ludwig Englehart in Montgomery county. On April 1st, 1732, he was married to Eva Englehart. The last will of Ludwig Englehart sets forth among other things, the following: "Also the seven children of my sister, Eva, wife of George M. Kuhns, namely, Frederick; Mary, wife of John Stelles; Margaret, wife of Johannes Reimer; Susanna, wife of John Ludwig Reimer; Catharine Kuntz, wife of Michael Kreps; and Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Seaber (Zeiber)." George M. Kuhns died in Montgomery county August 10th, 1759, and Eva, his wife, died at the same place June 27, 1772.

II. Catharine Kuhns, daughter of George M. and Eva Kuhns (I) was born February 9, 1750, at "The Old Tavern," in Montgomery county. She was married to Michael Kreps and they were the parents of eight children. Michael Kreps was born January 23, 1744, and died April 20, 1791. After his death his widow married James Reichard (Richard) and died January 6, 1814, and was buried at Swamp Church in Montgomery county. The children born to them were: Catharine, Henry, Eliza, John, Jacob, Sarah, Hannah and Philip.

III. Sarah Kreps, daughter of Michael and Catharine Kuhns-Kreps (II) was born February 28, 1784, at New Hanover Square, Montgomery county, in a house that was erected in 1754 and is still standing. On March 3, 1800, she was married to Henry Boyer, by whom she bore the following children: Michael Boyer, born July 10, 1801, and died December 21, 1886; Catharine, born January 23, 1803, married to John Rhoads and died in September, 1883; Elizabeth, born September 29, 1804, married first to John Gressmer, on whose death she was married to J. Weidner. She died November 23, 1850. Sarah, born February 3, 1807, married Jacob Allebach, and died October 13, 1859; Henry, born June 11, 1809, married Nettie Shilling, and died November 17, 1858; Jacob, born December 21, 1811, and married Lucy Ludwig, and died March 17, 1858; Hannah, born December 5, 1813, married Dr. Charles F. Sellers, and died March 20, 1882; Maria, born June 13, 1816, married Marshall B. Campbell, died October 12, 1862; Caroline, born September 5, 1817, married George Huff, III, and died February 3, 1876; Philip, born October 27, 1820; Angeline, born February 12, 1822, married Rev. Frederick W. Dechant, and died February 4, 1890.

IV. Caroline Boyer, daughter of Henry and Sarah Kreps-Boyer, born September 5, 1817, was married to George Huff and became the mother of Hon. George F. Huff. At the date of her marriage her father was Steward of the County House of Berks county, at Shillington Post Office. Politically he was a Democrat. His father, Jacob Boyer, was born in 1754 and resided in Perkiomenville, Montgomery county. He had eleven children, including Henry. Jacob Boyer died February 11, 1796.

Henry Boyer, born October 19, 1778, was married to Sarah Kreps, March 13, 1800, and died March 18, 1857. He was buried in Boyertown cemetery. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, representing Berks county in the years 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, and again in 1831. He was the early founder of Boyertown, laid out lots there in 1835, and was instrumental in having it incorporated in 1851.

Michael K. Boyer, brother of Caroline Boyer-Huff, was born in 1801 and was also a member of the Legislature from Berks county in 1836. He was Prothonotary of the same county in 1848, and was again in the Legislature from Jefferson county in 1855. He held a position in the Land Department in Washington, D. C., and died December 21, 1886.

IV. George Franklin Huff, son of George and Caroline Boyer-Huff, is widely known as one of the most enterprising and public spirited men in Westmoreland county, and is closely identified with nearly all of its many industrial and financial enterprises. When four years of age he accompanied his parents to Middletown, where he attended the public schools until 1851, when his parents moved to Altoona. There he attended the public schools until seventeen years of age, when he entered the car shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Altoona and learned the car finisher's trade. So faithful and true to every duty was he that three years later he was, without solicitation on his part, highly recommended by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to a banking house in Altoona, that of William M. Lloyd and Company. He accepted the position and in 1865 his employer sent him to Ebensburg to establish a bank there. He succeeded remarkably well and a year later was re-called to Altoona.

In 1867 he removed to Greensburg, where he established the banking house of Lloyd, Huff and Company, known as the Greensburg Deposit Bank, and having branches at Latrobe, Irwin, Mount Pleasant and Ligonier. The panic of 1873 caused these several institutions to go out of business, but their property paid their full indebtedness with interest.

In 1871 Mr. Huff established the Farmers' National Bank of Greensburg with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. He was its first president and remained as such until 1874, when he became the active manager of the house as its cashier under General Richard Coulter as president. By Act of Congress the bank was reorganized as the Fifth National Bank of Pittsburg, Mr. Huff being elected its vice-president, which position he held until 1876, when he resigned. In 1874 he, with others, organized the Greensburg Banking Company, which soon became a leader in the rural banking business of Western Pennsylvania. He was cashier of this bank until 1887, during which time through his untiring efforts and business sagacity, a very large volume of business was secured.

In 1881 the First National Bank of Greensburg was chartered, and Mr. Huff became one of its most potent directors, which position he still retains. Since then the First National Bank has absorbed the Greensburg Banking Company, and has now a larger deposit and surplus than any other institution in the county.

Mr. Huff also became largely interested in the coal and coke industry of Westmoreland county. He was the prime mover in organizing the Greensburg Coal Company, the Alexandria Coal Company, Mountain Coal Company, the Argyle Coal Company, the United Coal and Coke Company, the Mutual Mining and Manufacturing Company, the Manor Gas Coal Company, the Madison Coal Company, the Salem Coal Company, the Latrobe Coal Company, Carbon Coal Company, and several others. Most of these companies were since consolidated in the Keystone Coal and Coke Company, of which Mr. Huff is president. It and the companies with which he is connected, employ about 7,500 men and produce now in the neighborhood of six millions of tons of coal per year, or twenty thousand tons per day. He was also one of the organizers of the Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the main line of which passes

through the Connellsville coking coal region, he being its treasurer until the offices were removed to Philadelphia. He was one of the founders of the Greensburg Electric Street Railway Company, the Greensburg Fuel (artificial and natural gas) Company, and the Greensburg Steel Company. He was formerly president of the Greensburg Electric Light and the Westmoreland Water Companies.

The development of the Jeannette natural gas region also felt his potency as well as the general upbuilding of that sprightly town. He donated seven acres of valuable land for manufacturing purposes at Burrell, a station near Greensburg. The thriving towns of Youngwood, Southwest Greensburg, and other outlying sections of Greensburg were laid out largely by his efforts, and he has always been financially interested in the Kelly & Jones Company and its various improvements.

He is also a director of the American Surety and Trust Company of Washington, D. C., the President of the Westmoreland Hospital Association, and is further interested in coal companies outside of the Keystone Coal and Coke Company in nearly every section of the bituminous region in Pennsylvania.

Adjoining Greensburg he has a large landed estate containing about 500 acres, upon which the family residence is built. It consists of highly cultivated farm land and original forest, all of which is beautified by a system of landscape gardening and parks; and through the entire farm there are winding driveways of over four miles in length, which are kept up by Mr. Huff and are at all times thrown open for the public to enjoy.

Mr. Huff is a progressive Republican. His political career began in 1880 when, as a member of the Chicago Republican Convention, he was one of the 306 who supported General U. S. Grant for a third term as President. In 1884 he was a candidate for the office of State Senator in the Thirty-ninth Senatorial District, composed of the County of Westmoreland. He was elected by a majority of seven hundred, although the county had for long years been regarded as the Democratic stronghold of the West. Since then the county has been generally Republican.

In 1888 Mr. Huff was nominated for Congress by the Republicans of Westmoreland county, but another was selected under the conferee system. In 1890 he was chosen as Congressional candidate by the Republicans in the district and elected by a large majority, representing the counties of Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong and Jefferson. He served in Congress until 1893, and in 1894 was elected Congressman-at-Large from Pennsylvania. In 1902, 1904 and 1906 he was returned to Congress, and now represents the counties of Westmoreland and Butler. During his service in the National House of Representatives, Mr. Huff has proved his ability to well represent the large and varied interests of his constituents, and no member of Congress from the Commonwealth stands higher than he. He is now prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Governorship in 1906.

On March 16, 1871, Mr. Huff was united in marriage with Henrietta Burrell, a daughter of the late Jeremiah M. Burrell, twice President Judge of the Tenth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and later United States District Judge for the Territory of Kansas. Judge Burrell died at Greensburg, October 21, 1856. (See sketch of Judge Burrell in that part of the first volume of this series relative to the Westmoreland Bench).

Mr. and Mrs. Huff are the parents of eight children, four of whom are living, namely, Lloyd Burrell, Julian Burrell, Carolyn Burrell and Burrell Richardson.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER McCURDY, a leading member of the Westmoreland county bar, residing at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, comes of Scotch, Scotch-Irish and English ancestry. He was born in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Friday, December 11, 1857, the second son of Alexander J. and Sarah (Pounds) McCurdy.

In an open boat, during the days of religious persecution in Scotland, were five brothers escaping by a dangerous voyage from Galloway to the coast of Down, Ireland. These true hearted men were named McCurdy, and from one of them Joseph A. McCurdy is descended. The Mayflower, which crossed the Atlantic in 1620, contained one of his paternal ancestors and two of his maternal ancestors. His grandmother, Mary Doty, descended from Edward Doty, who was one of the forty-one men who signed his name to the first constitution of government ever subscribed by a whole people in the history of the world. Mr. McCurdy's mother, Sarah Pounds, descended from Thomas Pounds, who in 1635 came from London to New England, and his wife was one of the children who came in the Mayflower. William Drummond, who came from Scotland to New Jersey, had among his grandchildren Mary Drummond, the maternal grandmother of Mr. McCurdy. The maternal great-grandmother was Sarah Collier, descendant of William Collier, a London merchant, who came to America in 1633 and was assistant governor of Plymouth colony for thirty years. The great-great-grandmothers on the paternal side were Hannah Cannon, wife of Stephen A. Pounds, and Ella Cannon, wife of William Drummond. Three of his great-grandfathers, Alexander McCurdy, Joseph Pounds and Nathaniel Doty, were in the War for Independence, and two of his great-great-grandfathers, Stephen A. Pounds and William Drummond, were killed in that struggle. For more than a century, Mr. McCurdy's ancestors have resided in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

Alexander McCurdy, the great-grandfather, was born in Ulster, Ireland, 1744; came to America in 1756, settling on the banks of "Crooked Creek," in Westmoreland county, (now included within Indiana county): Subsequently he lived near the Salt Works, on the Conemaugh river. He died near Livermore, aged ninety-four years. He was a Revolutionary soldier in Captain Matthew Scott's Company, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Regiment, and was wounded in both arms in Yorktown and became a pensioner. For a short time he accompanied his son Samuel in the War of 1812, and was employed in training soldiers in military exercises. He possessed considerable wealth, was a noted musician, a strict seceder and well known for his knowledge of the scriptures. He was married about 1785 to Jane Heridenon, by whom were born: William, Alexander H., Andrew, Samuel, Keziah, Ann and Jane.

Alexander Henderson McCurdy, the grandfather of J. A. McCurdy, was born at Crooked Creek, 1794. He was a farmer and carpenter. He was a pump manufacturer for many years. He owned the "Piper Farm," near Latrobe, where he resided many years previous to his death in 1851. About 1820 he married Mary Doty, by whom was born: Samuel Henderson, Nathaniel, Alexander Jackson, Mary, Phoebe and Jane. The mother of these children, Mary (Doty) McCurdy, was born in 1795 and died 1887. She was a lineal descendant of Edward Doty, who came in the Mayflower. Rev. Francis Doty (son of Edward) was a minister in the first settlement of Taunton, Massachusetts. For utterances contrary to some of the Pilgrim Fathers' practices, he was driven to Long Island in 1611. The Dutch settlement issued a patent to him, "for a Colonie, Messpath Kill, twenty-eight of March, 1642." Some of his descendants settled in New Jersey. Three of these, Nathaniel, Jonathan,

and Zebulon Doty, sons of Nathaniel Doty, Sr., (great-great-grandfather) settled in Derry township, Westmoreland county, about 1785.

Nathaniel Doty, Jr., (great-grandfather), born 1757, died in 1844; he had served in the Revolutionary war. He married Jane Bethoven, and one of their children, Mary, was married to Alexander H. McCurdy, whose third son, Alexander Jackson McCurdy, father of J. A. McCurdy, was born in Derry township, June 4, 1829. He was a farmer and was for some time in the employ of the Pennsylvania canal and later engaged in the construction of the Pennsylvania railroad. Politically he was an active Republican. He died September 2, 1884. He married Rachel Lightcap, who died in 1852, leaving a daughter, Mary Susan, born February 22, 1852, who was married to William Fishell, and died in August, 1880. Mr. McCurdy married (second), in 1854, Sarah Pounds, born May 12, 1833, eldest daughter of Joseph and Mary (Drumond) Pounds. By the union of Alexander Jackson McCurdy and Sarah Pounds, seven children were born: Rev. Irwin Pounds, D. D.; Joseph A., see forward; Hannah May, deceased; John Drummond; Ella S.; William W. and Minnie May.

Joseph A. McCurdy was reared midst the rural scenes of his father's home in Derry township, and attended the common schools. During 1869-70 he received valuable instructions from Rev. W. H. McFarland. After attending the State Normal school at Edinboro, Pennsylvania, one term, he commenced teaching when but sixteen years of age. He obtained his education by teaching winters and attending school summers. He graduated from the State Normal school at Indiana, Pennsylvania, in 1878. He was a student in the classical courses, first in the University of Wooster, Ohio, then in Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1879-80. He was principal of the schools at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, in 1880-81, and became one of the owners and the editor of the *Mount Pleasant Dawn*, which he changed to the *Journal*. He improved and greatly enlarged the circulation of that paper, but after two years relinquished the editorial chair for his life-work in the legal profession. Mr. McCurdy became a law student in the office of Moorhead & Head, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, April, 1883. While thus studying he was principal of the Greensburg High School one term. He was admitted to the Westmoreland county bar August 31, 1885, and soon gained a lucrative practice. He has been solicitor for his county and attorney in many important law cases. He was district attorney of Westmoreland county from 1892 to 1895, being the first Republican elected to that office. He is the senior member of the law firm of McCurdy and Cunningham. He was chairman of the Republican county committee in 1886, when Hon. Welty McCullough was elected to congress. In his church connections he is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Greensburg. He has been a director of the Westmoreland Hospital Association of Greensburg since its organization. Mr. McCurdy was married, September 10, 1885, to Jane Brady Armstrong, daughter of Col. James and Rachel (Welty) Armstrong, of Greensburg. She died February 28, 1888, leaving an infant, Rachel Welty, who survived her but five months. Mr. McCurdy was married, June 29, 1897, to Florence Ludwick, daughter of Humphrey Fullerton and Josephine Cort (Zimmerman) Ludwick, of Manor, Pennsylvania.

**BOUCHER FAMILY.** The name Boucher is purely of French origin, although the first ancestor in America spoke the German language. This was likely brought about by the family being among the Huguenots, who were banished from France by the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685.

Otherwise he could scarcely have come to America with a French name and a German tongue. But this is entirely speculative and the family has long been recognized as distinctively Pennsylvania German. It was a numerous one in Westmoreland county half a century or more ago, particularly in Ligonier Valley, but they who bore that name then are nearly all gone now, and their descendants are scattered throughout the western states.

I. Daniel Boucher, the founder of the family in America, came from the German States of France, most likely from Loraine. The tradition is that he crossed the Atlantic ocean in a ship called the "President." In his Bible, which the writer has seen, he wrote that he, with his wife and children, landed at Philadelphia on June 20th, 1755. They settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in what is now known as Albany township, where he purchased lands and became a farmer. The location is twenty-two miles from the city of Reading, on the present railroad leading from Reading to Slatington. He was of the German Reformed faith in religion, and was mainly instrumental in erecting a church edifice called "Bethel," near his home. It has been rebuilt three times, but still retains the name given it by its pioneer founder. Little is known of him further than that he lost heavily in the Revolution, that he died in the early years of last century, and that his remains were buried in the churchyard near the church which he built. He had sons named Peter, William, Philip, Jacob and Henry. Peter died without issue; William settled in Ross county, Ohio, in 1801; Philip remained with his father and fell heir to his estate, much of which still remains in the name of his descendants; and Jacob settled in Schuylkill county.

II. Henry Boucher, youngest son of Daniel Boucher, was born in Berks county, March 10, 1759. He was married to Mary Shoemaker, and removed to Hamburg, Pennsylvania, where he became a farmer and shoemaker. In 1801, in company with a neighbor named Jacob Will, he started west on horseback for the purpose of purchasing lands and moving on them. They rode as far as the Miami Valley in Ohio, but there the fever and ague prevailed to such an alarming extent that they returned, and upon reaching Somerset county, Pennsylvania, purchased lands, to which they moved with their families in the spring of 1802. The land bought by Henry Boucher is about three miles from Glade. There were four hundred and fifty acres in the tract, and it was conveyed to him by John Gross. He spent the remainder of his days there as a farmer and died on November 19, 1834. His wife, Mary Shoemaker, who was born January 22, 1762, survived him until May 12, 1840. They are both buried in the cemetery at Glade, and the dates given are taken from their tombstones. Their children were: Jacob, Henry, Christian, David, Solomon, John, Elizabeth, Magdalene, Mary, Rebecca, Catharine, Sarah and Hannah. Christian died in his youth. Henry, Solomon and John brought up large families and lived and died in Somerset county. Hannah married Jeremiah Strawn, who removed to Ottawa, Illinois, and was the ancestor of that branch of the Strawn family.

III. David Boucher, son of Henry Boucher (2), was born in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1789, and when twelve years old came with his parents to Somerset county. He was bred a farmer, and acquired land in Turkeyfoot township. On May 19, 1814, he was married to Mary Eve Friedline, who was born August 23, 1794. They were the parents of a large family. There were two daughters: Elizabeth, who died when quite young; and Susan, who was married to Abraham Brant, of Ligonier Valley, and with a large family survived her husband many years. Their sons were: Daniel, died in Illi-



nois; Hiram, to whom we will refer hereafter; Josiah, Isaac and David, who died in California; Henry, who now resides in Kansas; and John and Simon, who died in that state. Hiram alone remained in Ligonier Valley, all the others except Simon having gone to California in search of gold soon after its discovery.

In 1833 David Boucher removed from Somerset county to Ligonier, purchased lands near that place from William Ross, and became a very successful farmer. His wife, Mary Eve, died at Ligonier on January 11, 1842. David was a man of deep convictions, and manifested great earnestness in any cause which enlisted his attention. In politics he was a Whig, and later a Republican. He was most noted, however, in church work, being a Methodist of the old style, and by no means lax in supporting his church and in upholding its principles. On November 11, 1844, he was married to Mrs. Sarah Stahl, to whom the following children were born: Charles Wesley; Lucius Chapman; Emma, married John Wood; and Anna, married Morgan Beam; they and their descendants live in and near Pittsburg. David Boucher died April 12, 1868, and his second wife survived him until March, 1887.

IV. Hiram, son of David Boucher (3) and Mary Eve, was born in Somerset county, December 7, 1821, and came to Ligonier Valley with his parents in 1833. On January 26, 1843, he was married to Abigail Slater, of Ligonier township, by Rev. Stevens. He united with the Methodist Episcopal church of Ligonier, and was one of its leading members throughout the remainder of his life. He was especially a potent factor in the Sunday school work of the church, and taught a class of both old and young men for more than a quarter of a century. Few men were more competent for this work than he. Though, like many others in the first half of the last century, he had received but a limited education in his youth, yet, being more or less of a life-long reader, he became well versed in the Bible, and was familiar with many of the books relating to it, and in this line of thought he had few equals among the laity of his community. He spent his entire life as a farmer in Ligonier Valley, and died of bilious fever October 18, 1889. Abigail Slater, his wife, was born in Donegal township, January 13, 1822, daughter of Samuel and Mary Show Slater. The first ancestor of the Slater family came from England and became a resident and farmer in Donegal township during the Revolution or shortly afterward. He had three sons Martin, Samuel and Isaac. Martin built and managed Mount Hope Furnace, situated two miles southeast of Donegal. Samuel and Isaac were farmers in that township. Isaac was married to Abigail Ulrey shortly after the Revolution. In volume I of this work will be found the story of the escape of Abigail Ulery and her sister from the Indians during the Revolutionary war. She was born December 29, 1765, and was brought up on the Slater farm near Ligonier. Upon her marriage with Isaac Slater they removed to Donegal township, where they lived the remainder of their lives. Isaac Slater died in 1836, and his wife Abigail survived him until October 29, 1855, when she died in her ninety-second year.

The sons of Isaac Slater and Abigail Ulery were Joseph and Samuel. The latter born February 2, 1794. He was their third child, and was married to Mary Show, who was born in Maryland, March 14, 1800, and was brought up near Connellsville, Pennsylvania. In 1824 Samuel and Mary Slater removed from Donegal township, having purchased lands two miles southwest of Ligonier, from the Ulery heirs, one of whom was Abigail, Samuel Slater's mother. Upon this land, now known as the Slater farm, they resided the remainder of their days. Mary Show Slater died on June 27, 1876, and her husband Sam-

uel survived her until January 30, 1882. Both are buried in the Brant cemetery, near their old home. Their children were Abigail, Julia, Christenia, Isaac, Catharine, Sarah and Mary. It was Abigail, the oldest of the family who was married to Hiram Boucher. Though past four-score years and four, she still survives him, and resides near Ligonier.

The children of Hiram Boucher and Abigail Slater were: Elizabeth, married to Dr. J. T. Ambrose, of Ligonier; Mary Eve, married to William C. Knox, of Ligonier township, died April 15, 1892; Amanda, married to Hamilton Smith, of Ligonier, (Mr. Smith died August 7, 1897); Caroline, married to Rev. O. A. Emerson, of the Pittsburgh Methodist Episcopal Conference; Sarah, married to Hugh M. Clifford, of Derry, died January 11, 1887; Kate, married to Dr. Edward M. Clifford, of Greensburg; David Wilbert, died in 1863, aged two years; and John Newton, of Greensburg.

V. John Newton Boucher was a teacher in the Westmoreland schools, and was graduated from Mount Union College at Alliance, Ohio, in 1876. He is a member of the Greensburg bar, and the author of the Westmoreland portion of the "Twentieth Century Bench and Bar of Pennsylvania," published by Cooper Brothers, of Chicago, 1903, and of the historical narratives contained in volume I of this work, entitled "A History of Westmoreland County."

VI. The sixth generation of this family are the children of Dr. J. T. Ambrose and wife; of William C. Knox and wife, Mary; of Rev. O. A. Emerson and wife; Lillian, daughter of Hugh M. Clifford and wife Sarah, and the daughter of Dr. Edward M. Clifford and wife.

VII. The seventh generation are the children of William and Abigail Knox Graham, of Ligonier Valley; of Dr. A. H. Caven and Blanche Emerson Caven of Youngwood, Pennsylvania; and of Charles Emerson and Sallie Luke Emerson of Creighton, Pennsylvania.

JAMES HENRY GALLAGHER, the present recorder of deeds for Westmoreland county, was born November 23, 1867, at New Alexandria, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He is the son of General Thomas F. Gallagher and Elizabeth Kier McBride Gallagher, his wife. She was daughter of Henry and Elizabeth McBride, of Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

To better acquaint the reader with the progenitors of Mr. Gallagher it may be said that the first to come to America, was Thomas Gallagher (1), born in Donegal county, Ireland, July 28, 1750. He died February 21, 1844, near Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, aged ninety-four years. He was buried in the Unity Presbyterian graveyard. He married Isabelle McIlhaney, daughter of James McIlhaney, of Ireland. She died January 14, 1817, and was buried in the same church yard in which her husband was buried. They came from Ireland in 1810, landing in Baltimore, May 10, of that year and after visiting the Pattersons and other relatives of that section, they came over the mountains in "Mountain Wagons" to Greensburg, first settling in Washington township, but later in Unity. In Ireland, Mr. Gallagher was an under-landlord and the proprietor of an inn. He was captain of volunteers under the king in his native country. The children of this American ancestor—Thomas Gallagher and wife, were: James, Thomas, died unmarried at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and was buried in the Episcopal cemetery of that city, where a suitable monument marks his resting place. Major George, John, Mary Ann and Isabella, who died on board ship, aged ten years.

II. James Gallagher, son of Thomas (1) was born in Ireland, October

14, 1789, died March 3, 1881. He married, February 6, 1821, Elizabeth Foster, the daughter of Thomas and Catherine Foster, *nee* Harrold. She was born December 14, 1802, and died March 29, 1891. Their children were: 1. Major General Thomas Foster Gallagher, born January 17, 1822, died November 3, 1883; 2. Major George, deceased; 3. William F., deceased; 4. Isabella, deceased; 5. Sarah Ann, deceased; 6. Mary Jane, wife of Dr. Joseph L. Cook, of Westmoreland county; 7. Martha, deceased; 8. Elizabeth F.; 9. James S.; 10. Robert Taylor, deceased.

III. Major-General Thomas F. Gallagher, oldest son of James Gallagher (II) was a lifelong merchant at New Alexandria, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He had a remarkable career in military and business life. Prior to the rebellion he was a prominent figure in the Pennsylvania militia movements, and advanced from the office of lieutenant to major-general, having been captain-brigadier and major-general, and after the rebellion became major-general of that body of state troops. His record as an officer during the great civil conflict from 1861 to 1865, was one of a marked success. He enlisted July 2, 1861, and was made the colonel of the Eleventh Pennsylvania "Reserves" (fortieth in line). During his service he attained to the rank of brigadier-general. He was commissioned as a leader against the famous "Morgan Raiders," participating in their capture. (An extended account of his army record will appear in the Civil war chapters, volume I of this work). The children of General Gallagher and wife were: Elizabeth, deceased; Anna Maria, deceased; Sarah Agnes, deceased; Margaret McBride, wife of Jeffery W. Taylor, Esq., of Greensburg; Isabella, wife of Dr. James R. Jack, of New Alexandria; and James H. Gallagher.

IV. James H. Gallagher was educated in the public schools of his native town and graduated from Duff's Business College of Pittsburgh, in 1887. Afterwards he was engaged in the real estate business in Greensburg, and was deputy clerk of the Orphans' court and deputy register and recorder of Westmoreland county. Mr. Gallagher was elected in the autumn of 1902, and in January, 1903, sworn into office, as recorder of deeds. His nomination was accorded him without opposition, and he was elected by three thousand, three hundred and forty majority. He was renominated in April, 1905, by the Republican party, with no opposition, for another term of three years, and was elected by a majority of about six thousand. He was chosen chairman of the Republican county committee by acclamation in 1904, and did splendid work during the Roosevelt-Fairbanks presidential campaign, aiding materially in bringing about a majority of nine thousand two hundred and forty-eight for the ticket in his county, double that of any former election. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, a Knight Templar, and also belongs to various social orders.

GEORGE DORN, deceased, who was a leading business man of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born January 1, 1818, in a pleasant little valley in Northern Germany, near the river Rhine, in the ancestral home of the Dorns, under the great confederation of states that formed an interregnum of the German empire from 1815 to 1835.

He was carefully trained to habits of industry, honesty and economy, and received his education in the rural schools of the fatherland. At the age of eighteen he conceived the idea of emigrating to this country, in quest of more profitable employment than he could then secure in Germany. In 1836 he located in Pennsylvania, and after a considerable struggle for work obtained

employment on the Pennsylvania turnpike. Although young in years his excellent deportment and display of good judgment in the care of teams secured for him the responsible position of stable manager at Turtle creek, where he had charge of all the horses used on one section of the pike. After a few years service at the latter place he removed to Greensburg, where he assumed control of the pike stables, continuing until the building of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, which monopolized the trade and travel of the state, and the old pike, unable to enter into competition, was soon abandoned as a public highway, becoming a local thoroughfare. In consequence of this great change in mode of travel, Mr. Dorn engaged in a new line of business, opening a large livery stable at Greensburg. As a liveryman he met with remarkable success, and with his usual energy soon controlled the leading livery stable in western Pennsylvania, not including Pittsburgh, and was for over thirty years one of the most widely known and popular liverymen in his section of the state. In addition to this line of work he was interested in various other industrial enterprises in the county. George Dorn was a self-made man, worth over \$100,000 at the time of his decease, all of which he acquired by honest industry and frugality. His business obligations were always promptly met and his contracts honorably fulfilled. He was popular and well liked both as a citizen and business man on account of his generous nature and sterling integrity. His life was one of activity and event; he enjoyed none of the educational advantages of the present era, nevertheless he was a man of varied information, endowed with a strong mind, the hewer of his own fortune and honest architect of his own fame. In 1881 he sold the lot where the present jail building stands. Politically he was a strong Democrat, and ever evinced a lively interest in all pertaining to the welfare of the community. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and was noted for his charity to the poor. He was an excellent linguist, speaking with fluency and ease the German, French and English languages.

George Dorn married Elizabeth Mayberry, of Ligonier, and they had children: Julia, married John Long, a son of Samuel Long, who was a highly respected citizen of Hempfield township; George, bookkeeper for Lewis Tranger for many years, died 1872; John, one of the owners of the Greensburg brewery; Jacob, died in young manhood; Harry Markle, died August 17, 1895; and Louis Tranger, who has been a partner in the Greensburg Brewing Company for the past seventeen years, doing a very successful business. The death of George Dorn occurred July 2, 1885, and was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. Mrs. Dorn passed away March 1, 1891.

ROBERT ANDERSON FULTON LYON. The Lyon family, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was founded in this country by John Lyon, son of William Lyon, who with his family emigrated from Enniskillen county, province of Ulster, Ireland, to the province of Pennsylvania in the year 1763, settling in Cumberland county, now Milford township, Juniata county, about two miles west of Mifflintown. The warrant for the land of two hundred and seventy-three acres which was granted, is dated September 18, 1766. The province granted in 1773. John Lyon and others twenty acres of land for use of the Presbyterian church of Tuscarora, where the remains of Mr. Lyon were interred. He died in 1780. He married, in Ireland, Margaret Armstrong, sister of Colonel John Armstrong, a prominent and patriotic Pennsylvanian, of provincial and revolutionary times. She was a woman of bright intellect and fine conversational powers. She died about 1793, and her remains were also in-





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husband. Their children, all of whom were born in Lancaster, were: James, 1803; Mary, Francis, Margaret and Ann. John was the son of John and Margaret (Armstrong) and was the owner of the old homestead, the other three sons remained on the old farm until June 1, 1877, when they moved to Douglass and removed to Butler county, Pa. (1882). The will of John Lyon was dated 1820. His daughter, daughter of Captain Thomas Lyon, was married to Morris, John, James, Margaret, etc.

John was the son of John and Mary (Harrison) and was the owner of the land and Catherine (Gordon) Lyon, etc. Their children were: Mary, Daniel Harper, John, Joseph, etc.

John was the son of John and Ann (Harper) and was the owner of the land and one daughter, Elizabeth, was born in Douglass. Mr. Lyon married (second) Mary Ann, etc. Their children were: Mary, Margaret, etc. Robert Anderson, Bolton, and etc. Charles W. Baker.

ALFRED S. LEVY, engaged in the restaurant business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was born July 9, 1854, son of George and Matilda (Neff) Endrey. George Endrey was a cooper and conducted a shop with good success in Philadelphia. He subsequently removed to Lancaster, Pa., where he remained for years. His wife was Matilda Neff, daughter of John Neff. Their children were: Cassius, Mark, etc. Mr. Levy was born on November 20, 1868, and died on etc. He was formerly a conductor in the employ of the etc. for several years. He has been doing a very successful business in Greensburg for the past ten years. Mr. Levy's wife, Susan, daughter of Robert and Sarah etc. Their married children were: Ada Matilda, born 1880; Wilbur Lee, October 2, 1885; Sarah, October 14, 1887; Florence, etc., July 5, 1889; Josephine, etc., etc., April 2, 1893; Agnes Naomi, October 14, 1905; Roy, etc., 1897; Robert Taylor, August 13, 1899; Francis Kuhns, etc., March 22, 1903; and Gladys Althea, Feb-

ALEXANDER DANIEL McCONNELL was born in Westmoreland county on March 10, 1850. He is one of the several jury men of Westmoreland county, and since 1887 has resided at Greensburg.

The father of the family in the United States was Daniel McConnell, of Inverness, Scotland, born 1710. When yet a young man he came to Pennsylvania, where he married Peggy Kirk, a woman of Scotch-Irish parentage. To them were born four children. The sons were Samuel, David, Hugh and Daniel. Two of these sons were married to sisters, daughters of Thomas an English gentleman, who came to Lancaster county, Pennsyl-



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tered at Tuscarora. Their children, all of whom were born in Ireland, were: William, James, John, Mary, Frances, Margaret and Agnes.

John Lyon, third son of John and Margaret (Armstrong) Lyon, came into possession of one-half of the old homestead, the other half reverting to Samuel Lyon. He resided on the old farm until June 1, 1797, when he conveyed the same to Stephen Douglass and removed to Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he died about 1820. The will of John Lyon was dated December 3, 1779. He married Mary Harris, daughter of Captain Thomas Harris, and their children were: Thomas Harris, John, James, Margaret, Mary, Catherine, and Nancy.

John Lyon, second son of John and Mary (Harris) Lyon, married Ann Harper, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Gordon) Harper. Their children were: Gordon M., Harris, Mary, Daniel Harper, John, Joseph, George, Thomas Wilson, and Catherine.

Gordon M. Lyon, eldest son of John and Ann (Harper) Lyon, married (first) Mary Marshall, of whom one daughter, Elizabeth, was born; she married R. P. Douglass. Mr. Lyon married (second) Mary Anna, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Byerley) Kifer. Their children were: Thomas Franklin, Mary Emma, Margaret Cecelia, Robert Anderson Fulton, and Elmer Ellsworth, who married Clara E. Whitaker.

LLOYD S. FINDLEY, engaged in the restaurant business in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born July 9, 1864, at West Overton, the son of George and Matilda (Neff) Findley. George Findley is by trade a blacksmith, and conducted a shop with good success in Mount Pleasant for a number of years. He subsequently removed to Kansas, where he has resided for a number of years. His wife was Matilda Neff, who died in November, 1901. Their children were: Cassins Markle, died in the west; Robert Taylor, Lloyd S., Ada M., died November 26, 1898; and Charles S.

Lloyd S. Findley was formerly a conductor in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad for several years. He has been doing a very successful restaurant business in Greensburg for the past ten years. Mr. Findley married, October 16, 1883, Susan Barbara Kuhns, daughter of Reuben and Sarah Kuhns, of Greensburg. Their named children were: Ada Matilda, born September 30, 1884; Wilbur Lloyd, October 2, 1885; Sarah, October 19, 1887, died October 3, 1889; Florence May, July 5, 1889; Josephine Marie, May 5, 1819; Susan Barbara, April 20, 1893; Agnes Naomi, October 14, 1905; Roy Reuben, September 16, 1897; Robert Taylor, August 13, 1899; Francis Kuhns, April 26, 1901; Margaret Elizabeth, March 22, 1903; and Gladys Althea, February 10, 1905.

JUDGE ALEXANDER DANIEL McCONNELL was born in Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland county on March 10, 1850. He is one of the two judges of the several jury courts of Westmoreland county, and since September 1, 1873, has resided at Greensburg.

(I) The founder of the family in the United States was Daniel McConnell, a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, born 1710. When yet a young man he came to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he married Peggy Kirkpatrick, a young woman of Scotch-Irish parentage. To them were born four sons and several daughters. The sons were Samuel, David, Hugh and Daniel. The first three of these sons were married to sisters, daughters of Thomas Whiteside, an English gentleman, who came to Lancaster county, Pennsyl-

vania, in the eighteenth century, and who there married Margaret Porter. To them were born five daughters and three sons. The three daughters who were intermarried with the three McConnell brothers, as above stated, were named Rebecca, Martha and Violet. Samuel, the oldest of the three McConnell brothers, married Violet, the youngest of the three Whiteside sisters, while Hugh, the youngest of the brothers married Rebecca, the oldest of the sisters. David McConnell married Martha Whiteside, who in order of birth was the third of the five daughters of Thomas and Margaret (Porter) Whiteside.

In respect to church connection the McConnells were seceders of the old type, while the Whitesides were Presbyterians. In those days this difference was regarded as a very substantial matter, and the parents of the respective contracting parties, in each case, objected to the marriage on that account, but in each case the marriage took place in spite of such objection.

(II) David McConnell, second son of Daniel and Peggy (Kirkpatrick) McConnell (I) was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, 1764. He married Martha Whiteside, in 1785, and lived in Lancaster county until 1800, when he came to Westmoreland county. They had a family of twelve children, all of whom lived to maturity and reared families, except one, who died in infancy. They nearly all located in western Pennsylvania, where their descendants are still to be found, but many of them are also dispersed throughout almost all of the northern and western states. They have engaged in a great variety of pursuits. Among them are business men, farmers, and mechanics. The various professional pursuits have attracted many of them, and among them are to be found scores of teachers from all the original branches of the family. At this writing (May, 1905) there are now living of David McConnell's lineal descendants four ministers, of whom Rev. Samuel D. McConnell, D. D., LL. D., and Rev. David McConnell Steel, both of New York city, are two; four lawyers, of whom two are judges, and five physicians. Of the families of the four sons of David McConnell, three of them were, for many years, represented in the Eldership of Congruity Presbyterian church.

(III) The eldest son, Daniel, grandfather of Judge Alexander D. McConnell, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1794, and when but six years of age he came with his parents to Westmoreland county, where he continued to reside until the time of his death. He married, January 16, 1817, Hannah McBride. She was the daughter of James McBride, son of James McBride, Sr., who had settled on the Loyalhanna creek in what is now known as Loyalhanna township, long prior to the Revolutionary war. Both of these James McBrides performed military duty in the Revolutionary war. At the date of taking up the land on Loyalhanna creek, the nearest neighbor of the McBrides was ten miles distant from them. Several times they were driven from their lands by the Indians, but they always returned, and the farm has ever since been held in the McBride family, and is now owned by another James McBride, a lineal descendant of the original James McBride. Daniel McConnell was a farmer and resided on his farm in Salem township until his death, March 8, 1865. His widow, Hannah (McBride) McConnell, died at the same place, April 14, 1884. There they reared a family of ten children—three sons and seven daughters. Of these David Kirkpatrick McConnell (IV) was the eldest son. He was born November 18, 1819. He also was a farmer. David Kirkpatrick McConnell was, on October 31, 1844, intermarried with Harriet Sloan, third daughter of John Steel Sloan and Jane (Christy) Sloan, of Salem township, Westmoreland county. The Sloan and Christy families were both Scotch-Irish pioneers in Westmoreland county and of the Presbyterian

faith. The Christy family located in the neighborhood of New Salem prior to the revolutionary war, and the Sloans near the same place a few years later. It therefore appears that the ancestors of the subject of this sketch, as they are represented in the families of his four grandparents, have all been identified with the history of Westmoreland county for more than a century. David Kirkpatrick McConnell and Harriet (Sloan) McConnell had nine children, five sons and four daughters, all now living except John S., who met death by an accident. David Kirkpatrick McConnell (father of Judge McConnell) died on December 5, 1900, leaving to survive him his widow who still lives on the old homestead in Salem township. Their children are:

1. James Graham McConnell, of Colorado.
2. John Sloan McConnell who died in Colorado several years ago, but whose family, consisting of a widow, Hannah (Richards) McConnell, a daughter, wife of Rev. Charles Beatty of Pittsburgh, and a son Robert K. McConnell, who is a member of the Allegheny county bar—now reside in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
3. Alexander Daniel McConnell (V) of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.
4. Sarah McConnell Reynolds of Arkansas, wife of Hon. J. E. Reynolds.
5. Melissa McConnell Foster, wife of James W. Foster, of Salem township, Westmoreland county.
6. Mary McConnell Buchanan, widow of D. M. Buchanan, of Salem township, Westmoreland county.
7. Katherine McConnell Sterling, wife of James M. Sterling, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania.
8. David Ellsworth McConnell, of Salem township, and
9. Robert Henry McConnell, of Victor, Colorado.

(V) Judge McConnell was educated in the public schools of Loyallhanna and Salem townships, New Salem Academy, and Washington and Jefferson College. For several years he was the assistant of H. M. Jones, superintendent of public schools of Westmoreland county. He located in Greensburg, in September, 1873, as a teacher in the public schools, and soon thereafter was elected principal of these schools, and continued to serve in that capacity until June 1, 1876. On motion of Senator Edgar Cowan, August, 1877, admitted to practice in the several courts of Westmoreland county, and has continuously since that time devoted himself exclusively to the law. He was prepared for admission to the bar in the office of the late Judge James A. Hunter. In politics he has always been a Republican. He was chairman of the Republican county committee in 1878. In the following year he was nominated as a candidate for the legislature, but at that time the county was overwhelmingly Democratic, and a reduction of the amount of the Democratic majority was the full measure of his success. He received the nomination of his party in Westmoreland county for congress in 1882, but the rule of rotation that year threw the nomination in the district to Fayette county. He was nominated for judge of the court of common pleas in 1889. The Republican party, however, met defeat that year as it did for several years thereafter. A law was enacted in 1895, allotting two judges to the tenth judicial district, and Governor Hastings, on practically the unanimous endorsement of the Westmoreland county bar, appointed him, on June 17, 1895, to the new position thereby created. He received the Republican nomination, and in November of the same year was elected for a full term of ten years by a majority of about three thousand. He was, on April 15, 1905, without opposition, nominated to succeed himself by the Republican party, and on July 3, following, he was endorsed by the Democratic county committee and his

name directed to be also placed on the Democratic ticket as the candidate of that party. During his term of office many important questions have been presented for solution, notably among these was a recent question pertaining to the law governing the approval of the contract for the erection of the new court house, now in course of construction. The correctness of the decision rendered by him in that matter, was stubbornly contested but it was unanimously approved by both the superior and the supreme courts of the state. Westminster College conferred on Judge McConnell, June 18, 1902, the degree of LL. D., an honor which has, in the last century, only been conferred on four other members of the Westmoreland county bar, viz.: Justice Coulter, Hon. Edgar Cowan, Hon. H. P. Laird and Hon. James A. Logan. Judge McConnell is a regular attendant of the First Presbyterian church of Greensburg. He is one of the trustees of the Morrison Underwood fund which by its donor was devoted to certain educational purposes. He is also a director of the Westmoreland Hospital, located at Greensburg. He is a member of the Masonic society, and of the Scotch-Irish society of Philadelphia. He was intermarried, March 24, 1876, with Ella J. Turney, eldest daughter of Adam J. and Emma (Eyster) Turney, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Adam J. Turney was a grandson of Rev. John William Weber, a pioneer Reformed minister, who established numerous churches in western Pennsylvania, among which is the church on the corner of Smithfield street and Sixth avenue, in the city of Pittsburgh.

Emma (Eyster) Turney is the daughter of Rev. Michael Eyster, a Lutheran minister, who died, while yet a young man, in Greensburg. Judge McConnell and wife are the parents of five children, four sons and one daughter. Kirk, the eldest son, is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, and is now a student at law. Turney, the second son, is a clerk in the bank of the Barclay Trust Company of Greensburg, while Alexander, Emma and Robert are yet in school. They were all born in Greensburg. Judge McConnell believes that his position requires him to administer the law as it is, rather than as he might desire it to be, and that it forbids the use of it as a personal instrument wherewith to reward friends or punish enemies, that in the facts of every case is to be found the law of that case, and that no amount of patient labor expended on the proper ascertainment of the facts, or of research, in the accurate ascertainment of the law, can be any greater than what is due to every case great or small. He believes too that the epigram of President Roosevelt should be unflinchingly applied in a court of justice, viz.: that "every man shall have a square deal, no less, no more." That faith he has carried into act on the bench, and both political parties by renominating him have given approval of his course.

SAMUEL O. W. LOWRY, a real estate dealer and general financial operator of the firm of Lowry & Boarts, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born near the borough of Greensburg, July 4, 1843. Robert Lowry, father of Samuel O. W. Lowry, was born in the North of Ireland, and when he was but nine years of age came to Philadelphia with an uncle, having lost his father in early childhood. He learned the cloth weaver trade in Philadelphia. In 1839 he came to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, having married Nacy Thornton in Philadelphia. She was a native of Ireland, coming to America in her teens. Robert Lowry walked the entire distance from Philadelphia to this county and settled near New Alexandria, where he farmed with Samuel Patterson, of Derry township. Later he moved to Greensburg vicinity, where he farmed and

hailed coal from a coal-pit. He died, in May, 1898, aged eighty-three years. Their children were: Mary Jane, born 1838, died May, 1905; she married George Lindsay; Martha, born 1840, died 1868, married James H. Steel; Margaret P. born 1842, married Joseph W. Steel, and died about 1900; Samuel O. W., born July 4, 1843; James N., born 1845, was killed July 10, 1864, at Spottsylvania, Virginia; he was a soldier in the Union cause during the Civil war; Matilda, born 1847, married William Hice, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania; Robert C., born 1849, died October 21, 1904, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and was buried at New Alexandria, Pennsylvania; Agnes, born about 1851, married Rev. T. C. Sproul, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, born 1854, is single and resides at New Alexandria.

Samuel O. W. Lowry was born July 4, 1843, obtained a good common school education in Westmoreland county, and then learned the trade of harnessmaker and saddler, which he followed for others and for himself for several years. He enlisted in the Union army, February 16, 1864, as a member of Company K, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Richard Coulter, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He was assigned to the Fifth Army Corps, General G. K. Warren commanding, the Third Division commanded by General Crawford, and Second brigade, General Baxter, commanding. He saw much active service, having participated in nearly all the battles of the Army of the Potomac from the "Wilderness" fight to Lee's surrender at Appomattox, including those great engagements known in Civil war history as Spottsylvania (where his brother was killed), North Ann, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Virginia, and Hatch Run. He was at the grand review in Washington, in 1865, and returned without serious illness or any wounds. He resumed his harness trade a short time and then became a salesman for sewing machines on the road, continuing until 1874. He then embarked in the harness and saddle trade at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and followed that until 1887, when he engaged in real estate business at that place, continuing until 1897, when he removed to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, engaging in the same business and forming a partnership with L. N. Boats in 1901. He has numerous financial interests, making his a busy life. He is secretary and treasurer of the Greensburg Petroleum, Gas and Mining Company of Burkesville, Kentucky; also connected with the Eli Sell General Merchandise Company. He is a stockholder and director in the Wilkinsburg Trust Company, besides real estate interests at McKeesport, Pennsylvania. His residence is on a twenty-five acre farm, well improved, adjoining the borough of Greensburg, where he enjoys the comforts of an independent life. Politically Mr. Lowry is a Republican. While a resident in McKeesport he served six years as member of the school board and the same period as member of the common council. He is an elder in the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Greensburg. He is a member of Colonel Samuel Black Post, No. 59, G. A. R., at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, of which he was the commander in 1897.

Mr. Lowry married, May 11, 1871, M. Emma, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Reed) Patterson, both now deceased. Mrs. Lowry was born July 31, 1849. The children of this union are: Maggie Reed, born January, 1875, married George W. Rogers. Robert J. N., born August, 1878, killed by being thrown from a mail car, of which he was a United States postal clerk, March 18, 1905. He had served seven years in the United States navy department and was in the Spanish-American war. He had only been married two weeks when he lost his life. Thomas C., born June, 1880, still at home and associated with the *Greensburg Review*; he was in the navy three years. Nancy T., born

1882, married George L. Pollins. Samuel W., born November 29, 1884, married Mae Randolph, September, 1904, and they have Emma Grace, born November 15, 1905. Mary Emma, twin sister of Samuel, born November 29, 1884. Unlike many other prosperous business men Mr. Lowry believes in enjoying the profits of his business in home life and travel. With his wife and children he has made several extended tours through the south and west as far as the Pacific coast. Although sixty-two years of age he is scarcely taken for one of more than fifty-five. It may be added that he is a lover of his home and greatly attached to the children of his household, and it is his rule to present each one of his children with a gold watch upon the day they attain their majority.

HON. JOHN LATTA, one of the best known members of the Westmoreland county bar, and a man universally admired and respected by the community at large. He was born March 5, 1836 in Unity township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, son of Moses and Eliza (Graham) Latta, and is of Scotch-Irish descent. The progenitor of the Latta family in Westmoreland county was John Latta, grandfather of Hon. John Latta, who, with his brother Moses, settled in Mount Pleasant township, where the Mammoth Coke Works are now located. He married a Miss Storey of New Jersey, and by her had four children, among them being Moses Latta.

Moses Latta, father of John Latta, was born in 1790 in Mount Pleasant township, six miles north of the borough of Mount Pleasant, and in early life removed to Unity township, where he followed the occupation of farming. During the war of 1812 he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Reynolds, but before his company reached the seat of war, a treaty of peace had been signed, and the troops returned home. He married Eliza Graham, daughter of Robert Graham, a native of Greensburg, and by occupation a horse dealer. Their children were: Mary Jane, wife of George R. Hughes, who resides on the old Latta homestead, and John, of whom later. Moses Latta died in February, 1848, when he was fifty-eight years old.

John Latta received his early educational training in the common schools of his native place, and subsequently attended Sewickley and Elder Ridge Academies, in which he spent about five years, thus forming an excellent foundation for a professional career. Determining to become a legal practitioner Mr. Latta formulated all his plans with that end in view. He entered, in 1857, into the study of law in Yale College, graduating from that institution in 1859, and in November of the same year was admitted to the bar of Westmoreland county. He has since been in almost continuous practice of his profession. He was elected state senator in 1863, discharging the duties of that responsible office with efficiency and credit. He was elected to the legislature in 1871 and 1872, serving for two terms. Two years later he was nominated and elected lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, serving in that office for four years; he led the state ticket in the election, his majority being something over four thousand. When his term as lieutenant governor expired, Mr. Latta returned to Greensburg, resuming the practice of his profession. As a lawyer Hon. John Latta holds an eminent place in the ranks of his profession, and is a man of the people, ever advocating the interests of the poor and oppressed. Added to his other qualifications he is endowed with a natural gift of eloquence, and is one of the most prominent and convincing speakers of the county. Fraternally he holds membership in the Masonic Order belonging to the K. T., and is a R. A. M.; also A. O. U. W. He married, September 12, 1865, Emma A. Hope, a daughter of C. C. Hope, of Union-

town, and a sister of W. H. Hope, a land speculator of the city of Mexico. Four children were born to them, three of whom are living: Cuthbert H., born September 7, 1866; Mary Maude, born March 17, 1868, married W. B. Ryan, general traffic agent for a Mexican railroad, who resides in the city of Mexico; and Isabel G., born February 17, 1875. Mrs. Latta died in 1876, and on December 13, 1877 Mr. Latta married Rose McClellan, a daughter of E. B. McClellan, of Ludwick borough, and their children were: Rose, born December 21, 1879, married Joseph T. Brunot, now deceased; Marie Josephine, born July 23, 1881, married R. T. Jamison; John, born May 15, 1883, died in 1885; Polard, born January 15, 1885; and Sarah Marguerite, born October 18, 1886.

**THE NULL FAMILY.** Colonel Millard Fillmore Null, the present capable prothonotary of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born April 5, 1854, at the old McKean's Stand (now Ruffsedale) in East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county. He is the son of Henry Harrison and Ellen (Dom) Null.

Captain Phillip Null, great-grandfather of Colonel M. F. Null, the American ancestor, was born at Wrightsville, York county, Pennsylvania, about 1755. His parents were Huguenots, from the French-German district, known as Alsace-Lorraine and were French people. Phillip settled in Reading, Pennsylvania about 1731. In 1780 he went as a captain of the revolutionary war in the militia to North Carolina, and was at the battle of Camden, August, 1780, where General Gates was defeated by Cornwallis. He was also under the command of General Francis Marion, for whom he named his youngest son. He settled at Lincolnton, North Carolina, and married Margaret Beauchamp ("Bushong") about 1781. She was of Rockingham county, Virginia. Their eldest son, Henry Null, the grandfather of Millard F. Null, was born April 24, 1783, in North Carolina, the eldest of six children. The family resided several years at the home of their grandfather, Pierre Beauchamp, in Virginia. They crossed the Alleghany mountains in 1799, locating in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on land upon which now stands St. Joseph's Academy at Greensburg. After a few years the family, except three children, removed to Putnam county, Virginia, locating on several hundred acres of land taken on an officer's script. His son Henry and two married daughters remained in Westmoreland county. Captain Phillip Null died at Point Pleasant, Virginia in 1834 of cholera, while en route to visit his son Henry at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Henry Null, grandfather of Colonel Millard F. Null, and one of the three who remained in Westmoreland county, located at "McKean's Old Stand" in East Huntingdon township. He married Elizabeth Pool, of Reading, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1804. They had seven sons and two daughters, all reared at McKean's Old Stand (Ruffsedale), each child having a farm given him by his father. Henry Null began life's activities as a farmer. He became promoter of many large business enterprises and was a large contractor, constructing portions of the old Pennsylvania canal in Indiana county. He, with his sons, built several miles of the National Pike road, and also helped construct the Washington and Bedford Pike of which he became a charter member and for many years a director of the middle division. He procured the charter for the Cross Pike, connecting the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Pike with the Washington and Bedford Pike of which he built some portions. He was also the man who procured the charter for the Slack-Water navigation along the Youghiogheny river. He finally located at Ruffsedale, then called "McKean's

Old Stand" and established a postoffice there. He owned some one thousand five hundred acres of land, as the fruits of his unceasing energy and toil, coupled with his business sagacity. He never sought publicity, but was made the candidate for the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1882, and sent as a delegate to the Harrisburg Convention which nominated General William Henry Harrison for president in 1836. His manhood was such that even those who differed greatly from him were ever ready to admit his fairmindedness and generosity. In religion he was a pronounced Presbyterian, as was his good wife, both of whom were lifelong Christian examples of true devotion. He died October 9, 1845, after a brief illness. He left a wife, six sons and two daughters, all of whom emulated the good name and character of their father.

Henry Harrison Null, father of Colonel Millard F. Null, the fourth son of Henry Null was born February 16, 1815, at "McKears Old Stand" (Ruffs-dale) in East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. At the death of his father he became the owner of the old Null homestead. He married, July 1, 1845, Ellen Dom, daughter of Phillip and Margaret (Gerhardt) Dom, of Wellersburg, Pennsylvania. She was the great-granddaughter of Sir John Jacob Hentz and wife, Eleanor Krauch, of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany; she was a lady of great prepossession, cultured and beloved by all within the range of her wide acquaintance, and her kindly ways and charming graces were fully retained throughout her entire life which closed December 27, 1904. Their children were: Marietta, married (first) Andrew Yont, now deceased, and (second), John J. Houseman; Minerva, widow of Joseph W. Hough, who at the time of his death was treasurer of Fayette county, Pa.; Josephine, (Mrs. John Dempsey Boyd, of Uniontown); Millard Fillmore, of whom later; Jessie Beuton, (Mrs. Samuel Alwine, Jr.); Sumner Fremont; Edwina married (first) Dr. Smith Fuller, Jr., now deceased; (second), James Clark Work, of Uniontown, Pa.; Eleanor Nevada; Henry Harrison, Jr., married Elsie G. Roth, of Allentown, Pa.

At the date of Henry Harrison Null's death in May, 1905, he had twenty-five grandchildren, twenty-three of whom were living, including the following: By his daughter, Mrs. Housman, Harry Null Yont; by Mrs. Hough, Henry Harrison Null Gerhardt Hough; by Mrs. Boyd, Henry Harrison Null Boyd, now superintendent of the H. C. Frick Coke Company plants in Fayette county, Pennsylvania; Burgess Beauchamp Boyd, with the same company at Alverton and Tarr; Logan Dempsey Boyd; Josephine Null Boyd. When a youth, Henry Harrison Null made his first trip as a wagoner over the Alleghany mountains in 1834. He followed this from time to time as late as 1861. From 1845 to 1872 he was an extensive farmer. During the last named year he removed to Greensburg, having been postmaster at Ruffs-dale for twelve years. He also served as internal revenue collector. He was a leading factor in the building of the Wellersburg and West Newton Turn Pike road, and was for a quarter of a century president of the Robbstown and Mount Pleasant Pike Road Company. He opened the well known Null Hotel at Greensburg, and operated it until he died, May 16, 1905, after many months of patient suffering. He had lived over ninety years and noted with great interest the wonderful events of the past century. Politically it may be said that this venerable man early became a leader and not from selfish motives but from true principle. He cast his first vote for General Harrison in 1836, and had voted for every Whig and Republican presidential candidate including Theodore Roosevelt in the Autumn of 1904. The subjoined is an extract taken from a local paper the day after his death: "In 1872 the family moved to Greensburg. Here he was





*H. H. Hull*  
*age 89 years.*



known as possessing a liberal and patriotic spirit. In his business relations he was scrupulously honest. He had a large acquaintance throughout the entire county, and by all with whom he came in contact he was held in highest esteem. He was a voracious reader and one of the best informed men on public events in Greensburg. His views were liberal and he was outspoken in his sentiments. He was opposed to capital punishment and an advocate of women's rights and suffrage, of liberty of conscience, and of all principles of freedom, secular and religious. Strongly characterized with a humanity loving spirit, he was greatly interested in reforms for society at large. He was a whole-souled man, ever ready to assist those who appealed to him. Until within a few months of his death Mr. Null possessed a remarkable memory of events of the early part of the century. He was a recognized authority on public happenings. Since 1856 he had kept a diary, recording each day's happenings with an accuracy which commanded on many occasions reference by historians. These diaries contain a great wealth of interesting data."

Millard Fillmore Null obtained his education in the public schools of Westmoreland county, and by a course in Milton Academy. He went from the school room to serve as an assistant for the engineering corps that laid out the Southwestern Pennsylvania railway. He also taught school in his native county for seven terms. He again took up surveying and mine engineering for a number of years, part of the period in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Later he became associated with the H. C. Frick Coke Company at its central works as timekeeper, paymaster and superintendent, serving in all fourteen years. Politically, he inherited Republicanism from his father. In 1883 his party induced him to become a candidate for surveyor, but notwithstanding he ran over five hundred ahead of his ticket, his party was not victorious. From that date he has taken a more active part in politics, and in 1900 was elected as prothonotary of Westmoreland county and re-elected in 1903. At the time when the Central High school of East Huntingdon township was established, he was a director and had much to do towards its establishment and the sequel has proved his wisdom. He has been connected with the Presbyterian church since 1885, first at his old home and since 1901 as a member of the First Presbyterian church of Greensburg. He is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to K. C. of K. T. Lodge, No. 18 at Greensburg. Of Mr. Null's domestic relations it may be stated that he married, March 29, 1877, at Bells Mills, South Huntingdon township, Charlotte Bell, daughter of the late ex-Sheriff William Bell and wife, Frances (Bennett) Bell. Mr. Bell was born January 16, 1816 at Bells Mills, the son of Walter and Polly (Finley) Bell. Walter Bell was born at Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, in 1769 and removed to Westmoreland county in 1787, locating at Bells Mills, for whom they were named. He died August 12, 1868. He married Polly Finley, daughter of Andrew and Jane Finley, of Port Royal and came from North Carolina, originally. The Finleys were of Scotch extraction.

William Bell, Mrs. Null's father, was of Scotch blood. He died on the old homestead, at Bells Mills, December 24, 1888. The family were of the Presbyterian faith. He served as sheriff of this county from 1862 to 1865. He was most generous and noted for his hospitality and was acquainted far and near. His wife was the daughter of David and Sarah Bennett, born 1826, near Port Royal. David Bennett was the son of John Bennett, who emigrated from France. His wife was Sarah Hough, of German ancestry. Their children were: 1. Charles McCully, educated at the High School and Seminary at Greensburg, graduating in the classical course in 1899. He studied for a law-

yer and registered, but is now in the accounting department of the Keystone Coal and Coke Company. 2. Walter Bennett, attended the public schools of Greensburg and Leech's Business College of the same place, taking stenography and typewriting. When sixteen years of age he served as page two terms for Senator Robbins, in Washington, D. C. For the past six years he has been associated with the American Sheet Steel and Tin Plate Company, located at Scottdale, Pa. 3. Eleanor attended the common schools of Westmoreland county and Darlington Seminary at West Chester, Pa. 4. Genevieve. 5. Millard Fillmore. 6. Galia Minota. 7. Henry Harrison.

Colonel M. F. Null, as he is always called, is an unassuming man, who may justly be proud of his ancestry, and his highest aim in life is to be able to properly educate his family, that they may bear well their part as good citizens and members of society, as have the generations before them, bearing the name of Null.

CAPTAIN JAMES J. WIRSING, a valiant soldier in the great war of the rebellion, and one of the highly esteemed residents of Greensburg, was born in Donegal township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1840, the son of John and Mary (Shafer) Wirsing. The progenitor of the Wirsing family in America was his paternal grandfather, Rev. John Casper Wirsing, who was born December 27, 1766, in Titzingen by "Waertzburg on the Main," Germany. He was a commissioned officer in the German army, and emigrated to America October 3, 1789. On board the ship on which he was sailing he became acquainted with Catherinea Elizabetha Biltherr, who was born in Germany April 12, 1768, and had sold her time for a period to pay her passage to America. Mr. Wirsing purchased her time and they were married January 1, 1793. Soon after landing in the United States Mr. Wirsing went to Baltimore where he remained some time, then removing to Westmoreland county, which he made his future home. He was a local preacher in the Methodist church, and was a well educated man of good address. In 1825 he removed to Somerset county, near Petersburg, Pennsylvania. He had the following children: Catherine; John, father of Captain J. J. Wirsing; Henry, married Mary King, and had a son, John Wirsing, who resides in Fayette county. Henry, died in 1888; Mary Ann Shadrach; Thomas B.; Samuel H., married Catherine Zipley and Helena Frantz. The father of these children died in 1835.

John Wirsing, second child and eldest son of Rev. John Casper Wirsing, was born January 7, 1798. By occupation he was a farmer, and was very successful in that line. In early life John Wirsing removed to Donegal township where he held many local offices. He was a staunch Democrat, and a very active worker for that organization. December 18, 1821 he was united in marriage to Mary Shafer, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1801, a daughter of Peter Shafer, who served with Washington in the war of the revolution until the cessation of hostilities. In 1807 Mr. Shafer removed to Donegal township where he patented three hundred acres of land, and where he lived an industrious and exemplary life. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wirsing: Peter, deceased; Catherine, married John Kooser of Iowa; Eliza, married W. R. Hunter; Harriet married H. M. Milhof; Margaret, deceased; Thomas, of Illinois; John S., of Mount Pleasant township; Jeremiah, of Scottdale; and Captain James J. Wirsing.

James J. Wirsing was educated in the common and private schools of his native county, and thus received an excellent foundation for a successful bus-





*John B. Street*

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iness career. He was engaged in farming until he was about nineteen, and then learned the trade of plasterer which he followed for several years. When the great Civil war was in progress, and the call for volunteers was urgent, Mr. Wirsing assisted very materially in raising a company of soldiers in the Ligonier valley. He was offered the captaincy of this company, but declined this, accepting the position of second-lieutenant. His company joined the Eighty-fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry at Arlington Heights in September, 1862, and became Company C of that regiment. He was present at the battle of Fredericksburg, and January 12, 1862 was promoted to the position of first lieutenant. He participated in the battle of Chancellorsville, and during that engagement was badly wounded, being shot twice through the leg and hip, and on this account received a furlough of sixty days. He rejoined his regiment on its march to Gettysburg. He was promoted to the captaincy August 29, 1863, and commanded his company in all of the battles until October 2, 1864. In August of that year he was shot in the breast, and on October 2 was shot through both shoulders and left leg at Petersburg, and so badly wounded that he was left for dead on the battlefield. He was approached by a rebel soldier who was in the act of shooting him when a confederate officer interfered and saved his life. He was removed to Richmond where he was confined in Libby prison for a time, then paroled and sent to Annapolis, Maryland. He returned home on a leave of absence after two months in Annapolis, and being unable to join his regiment was honorably discharged as a prisoner of war on January 3, 1865. From the time of his discharge from service to 1878 he was engaged in plastering and as clerk in a dry goods and hardware store in Mount Pleasant. In 1878 he was elected treasurer of Westmoreland county, and discharged the duties of that office with honor and credit. Since 1882 he has been engaged in the real estate and fire insurance business, and he has been highly successful in that line. As a citizen Captain Wirsing has the respect of his townspeople, who admire his integrity and honesty, and his hospitable, genial disposition has gained for him many friends. In political belief Captain Wirsing accords with the Democratic party. He is a prominent member of the G. A. R., U. V. L., Military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Philanthropy Lodge, No. 225, A. Y. M., and numerous other organizations. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Captain Wirsing was married, June 5, 1867, to Charlotte M. Fluke, daughter of William S. Fluke, ex-sheriff of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Myrtle, J. Edgar, William F., Herbert, Mary E., Ralph, Mabel, and Martha.

HON. JOHN B. STEEL, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, first president judge of the Separate Orphans' court of Westmoreland county, is the eldest son of William and Sarah Jane (Brown) Steel, born February 17, 1861, on the Hannastown farm, the seat of the famous old town of Hannastown, which was burned by the Indians in 1772, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

Judge Steel came from that sturdy Scotch-Irish race that has done so much for the cause of liberty and the development of the country, being Scotch-Irish in every line of his ancestry. His great-grandfather, James Steel, was born in Castle Blaney, near Carrick Macross, Ireland, about 1741, and who emigrated to America after the Steel Boy insurrection (1772) stopped on the eastern side of the mountains at that Scotch-Irish hive in Cumberland, now Franklin county, and moved westward about 1773, settling on land in Sewick-

ley manor, now Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, about the time of the formation of Westmoreland county. Here he bought land from the Penns, and became an important land owner in his day of land that is now in the Connellsville coking coal region, four hundred acres of the land bought by him has been passed down through his descendants, and is now owned by his great-grandson, Joseph W. Steel. True to the characteristics of his race he became an agitator for freedom, was a member of Mount Pleasant Association formed to protect this western country, was three years in the Revolutionary army, took the oath of allegiance required by all foreign born citizens, before Hugh Martin, a justice of this county, March 3, 1777, and served with his brothers-in-law, Robert and Andrew Donaldson, in the campaign of the Jerseys. He was married (first) to Elizabeth McMasters, a sister of James McMasters, who lived near his farm. They had two children: Joseph Steel, intermarried with Barbara Blystone, of Franklin township, this county; and Jane Steel, intermarried with William Hunter, near what was then Loudenville, now Perrysville, Richland county, Ohio. About the close of the Revolutionary war, James Steel was married to Elizabeth Donaldson, and they had three children: Elizabeth, born September 24, 1785, intermarried with Alexander Hamilton, of what is now Ruffsedale, Pa.; James Steel, born on the day of the adoption of the United States constitution, September 17, 1787, intermarried with Martha McCutcheon, of Franklin township, this county, and John Steel, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, born April 7, 1789, intermarried with his cousin, Martha Walker, the daughter of Andrew and Sallie (Donaldson) Walker, of Virginia, near Steubenville, Ohio. James Steel, the great-grandfather, died September 10, 1823, and was buried at the Middle Presbyterian church, Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pa.

John Steel, the grandfather, acquired the old homestead in Mount Pleasant township, and in 1826 purchased the Robert Hanna farm on which was located Hannastown, the former county seat of Westmoreland county, which then embraced all western Pennsylvania. This property became the homestead farm of John Steel, the father of Judge Steel. To John Steel and Martha Walker were born nine children: Sarah, intermarried with Henry Byers, of Grapeville, Pa.; Eliza, intermarried with Andrew Machesney, of Greensburg, Pa.; James, intermarried with Elizabeth Hanna, Pleasant Unity, Pa.; Joseph Walker, intermarried with Malinda Brechbill, of Greensburg, Pa.; John, intermarried with Susan Geiger, Beatty, Pa.; Margaret, intermarried with James M. Steel, her cousin, Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pa.; Mary J., intermarried with Henry T. Hanna, of Smithton, Pa.; Martha intermarried with Major David P. Mechling, of Greensburg, Pa.; and William Steel, intermarried with Sarah Jane Brown, of Hannastown, Pa. All of these are now deceased, except Mary J. Hanna and William Steel. John Steel, the grandfather, died May 22, 1860, being one of the foremost business men and largest land owners of his county. He is buried at the Congruity Presbyterian church.

William Steel, the father of Judge Steel, was born October 1, 1833, and was married to Sarah J. Brown, April 3, 1860. He is a large owner of valuable real estate and coal land, has always been identified with farming and stock-raising interests of the county, was Westmoreland's pioneer in the rearing of shorthorn cattle, and one of western Pennsylvania's foremost importers and breeders of pure bred draft horses. William and Sarah J. Steel, are both living at the Hannastown farm, in Salem and Hempfield townships, this county, and their children are: Hon. John B. Steel, of Greensburg, Pa.; Mary Herron,



intermarried with George Coleman, East End Pittsburg, Pa.; Eliza Martha, intermarried with Samuel C. Patterson, near New Alexandria, Pa.; Agnes Beatty, intermarried with George S. Barnhart, near Greensburg, Pa.; Helen Milligan intermarried with Samuel C. Hugus, near New Alexandria, Pa.; Margaret Elder, intermarried with Samuel B. Moore, near Latrobe, Pa.; Clara Malinda, unmarried, residing at home; William Oliver Steel, deceased; Joseph Walker Steel; Sarah Jane Steel, unmarried and residing with their parents; and Henrietta Marie, intermarried with L. A. Nichols, of Wilkinsburg, Pa.

On the maternal side the ancestry of Judge Steel is also Scotch-Irish; they came from Scotland with numerous other Covenanters, under King James' confiscation act, settling in county Donegal, Ireland. Matthew Brown, the seventh grand-ancestor, was a captain in Colonel George Walker's famous Derry Regiment which rendered such valiant service to the cause of civil and religious liberty at the siege of Londonderry, and at the battle of the Boyne. His sword is still preserved as a precious relic by Howard Brown and William Brown, his descendants in Pittsburgh. His grandson, also Matthew Brown, by name, left county Donegal with his family in 1774, and came to America in company with the Reverends Dobbin and Lynn, who afterwards founded an academy at Gettysburg and taught the first abolition doctrine on the very field where ninety years after freedom received her crowning laurel. He settled at Green Castle, Franklin county, and was there buried, leaving to survive him five children: David, the great-great-grandfather of Judge Steel; John, intermarried with Catharine Foster, sister of Robin Foster, of near New Alexandria, Pa.; moved to Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, Pa.; Andrew, of Armstrong county, Pa.; Samuel Brown said to have moved to Virginia; Mary, intermarried with James Watt, Franklin county.

David Brown, the great-great-grandfather of Judge Steel, was married to Margaret Oliver, whose mother was an Erskine, of the house of Erskine, Scotland; he purchased in 1802 the land now owned by John Oliver Brown, his descendant, at the mouth of the White Thorn Run, near New Alexandria, Pennsylvania. To them were born six children: Mary, intermarried with Nathaniel Alexander, Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, Pa.; Thomas Oliver Brown, grandfather of Judge Steel; Elizabeth, intermarried with Thomas Gailey, Clarksburg, Pa.; David, intermarried with Maria Beatty, Salem township; Margaret, intermarried with John Coleman, Elders Ridge, Pa.; James, intermarried with Margaret Elizabeth Wilson, of Salem township. On the death of David Brown he was buried in the New Alexandria Covenanter churchyard, and his real estate became the property of Thomas Oliver Brown, grandfather of Judge Steel, and James Brown.

Thomas Oliver Brown was married to Nancy Beattie Brown, a daughter of Robert Beattie and Martha (Welsh) Beattie, and a granddaughter of William Beattie, of Knock Bracken, near Belfast, Ireland, and came from a family several of whose members were banished for participation in the Irish rebellion of 1798. Their children were: Martha Welsh, intermarried with Major D. P. Marshall, Arkansas; David Oliver Brown, intermarried with Mary Stewart, Saltsburg, Pa.; Sarah Jane Brown, intermarried with William Steel; Margaret Erskine, intermarried with John Elder, Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pa.; Nancy A., intermarried with Henry Seanor, of Winfield, Kansas; Mary Elizabeth, intermarried with James Monroe, of Saltsburg, Pa.; Thomas Oliver Brown is buried in the Reformed Presbyterian churchyard at New Alexandria, Pa. All of his children except Sarah Jane Steel are now deceased.

Judge Steel is distinctively a self-made man, worked on the farm, and attended district school and academy during his early life, and later entered Geneva College as a classical student and graduated from that institution in 1885. He read law with Judge James A. Hunter, was admitted to practice in the several courts of Westmoreland county, August, 1888, opened an office for the practice of his profession with Hon. Welty McCullough, and on the return of the latter from congress in the spring of 1889 the law firm of McCullough and Steel was formed, which continued until the death of Mr. McCullough, six months later. He afterwards continued the business of the firm at their former offices, and at once sprang into full practice at a bar composed of some of the leading legal minds of western Pennsylvania. Later he took into partnership with him H. Clay Beistel, who read law at Dickinson law school and in his office. He has always been a staunch Republican, and for many years has been one of the leaders of his party; he was the chairman of the organization in 1894, was the candidate of the Republican party for president judge of the court of common pleas in 1899, and was defeated by one hundred and seventy-one votes, by the then present incumbent, Judge Doty, after a most desperate contest in which almost thirty thousand votes were polled. He was put forward by his county and section of the state as a candidate for congressman at large against Hon. Galusha A. Grow, and was elected by the Republican state convention as a delegate at large to the Republican national convention that selected McKinley and Roosevelt. On the creation of the Separate Orphans' court judgeship in Westmoreland county in 1901, Judge Steel was appointed, on April 26, of that year, as president judge of the Separate Orphans' court, to fill said position; he was conceded the nomination by his party, and was elected by a large majority at the November following for the ten years' term beginning first Monday of January, 1902. He is one of the trustees of the First Presbyterian church of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He has helped to organize and is director in a number of the leading banks of his county, is the owner of and interested in the development of coal in Washington and Westmoreland counties; is one of the directors of the John W. Pollins Company, the Greensburg Finance Company, the Pittsburgh and South-western Coal Company, and is a large owner of coal, farm and town properties.

J. HOWARD PATTON, prominent in the business enterprises of Greensburg and Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a descendant of families, many members of whom have been important factors in the settlement and upbuilding of this commonwealth. He was born July 29, 1851, at Union Furnace, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and descends through the following lines of ancestry.

(I) John Murray, a native of Scotland, came to America late in life with his two sons, William and John, and their families.

(II) William Murray, a native of Scotland, born February 24, 1690, emigrated to America in 1732, accompanied by his father and brother John. They settled on the Swartara in the Province of Pennsylvania. He married Isabella Lindley, of Scotland, who bore him five sons: Samuel, William, James, John, and Thomas. William Murray (father) died on his farm, July 24, 1773.

(III) James Murray, born in Scotland, in 1729, accompanied his parents to America in 1732. He was the owner of a farm adjoining the borough of Dauphin, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, for which he entered an application in the land office in 1768. He was chosen to represent Upper Paxtang township in 1775, in the committee of safety for Lancaster county, and attended the



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Steel is distinctively a self-made man, worked on the farm, and attended school and academy during his early life, and later entered law school as a classical student and graduated from that institution. He associated with Judge James A. Hunter, was admitted to practice in the second courts of Westmoreland county, August, 1888, opened an office for the practice of his profession with Hon. Welty McCullough, and on the return of the latter to Congress in the spring of 1889 the law firm of McCullough and Steel was organized, which continued until the death of Mr. McCullough, September 1, 1890. He afterwards continued the business of the firm at their law office, which once sprang into full practice at a bar composed of some of the ablest legal minds of western Pennsylvania. Later he took into partnership H. Clay Beistel, who read law at Dickinson law school and who has always been a staunch Republican, and for many years one of the leaders of his party; he was the chairman of the organization of the Republican party for president judge of the county in 1899, and was defeated by one hundred and seventy-five votes by the present incumbent, Judge Doty, after a most desperate contest in which just thirty thousand votes were polled. He was put in nomination for the section of the state as a candidate for congressman in 1900, by the late Joshua A. Grow, and was elected by the Republican party to that position. He gave at large to the Republican national convention in 1900, and was elected to the Senate by the voters of the county, and Roosevelt. On the creation of the Separate Organization of Westmoreland county in 1901, Judge Steel was appointed to the position of president judge of the Separate Organization, and he was conceded the nomination by his party, and was elected to that office on the day of January, 1902. He is one of the trustees of the church of Greenburg, Pennsylvania. He has an interest in a number of the leading banks of his county, and is interested in the development of coal in Washington and Westmoreland counties; is one of the directors of the John W. Greenburg Finance Company, the Pittsburgh and Southwestern, and is a large owner of coal, farm and town properties.

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His father, John Murray, a native of Scotland, born February 24, 1690, emigrated to America in 1732, accompanied by his father and brother John. They settled on the Swartara in the Province of Pennsylvania. He married Isabella, a native of Scotland, who bore him five sons: Samuel, William, James, John, and Thomas. William Murray (father) died on his farm, July 24, 1773.

His grandfather, John Murray, born in Scotland, in 1720, accompanied his parents to America. He was the owner of a farm adjoining the borough of Union Deposit, Pennsylvania, for which he entered an application for a patent. He was chosen to represent Upper Paxtang township in the county board of safety for Lancaster county, and attended the



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meetings of the committee in Lancaster on November 8, 9, and 10. At that time he was a captain of a company of footmen, of the Fourth Battalion of Associators in the county of Lancaster. At a military convention representing the fifty-three battalions of Associators of Pennsylvania on July 4, 1776, he was present as a captain. With John Rogers and John Harris, on July 8, 1776, by appointment of the Provincial Conference, he superintended the election at Garbers Mill, for the sixth district of Lancaster county, to choose delegates to the convention that assembled on the fifteenth of the month, which framed the first constitution of the commonwealth. During the remainder of that and the following year he was almost in constant active military service with his company. His company, a roll of which appears in Dr. Egles notes and queries, first series, page 7, and in Pennsylvania archives, second series, volume XIII, page 310, went into the continental service in July, or early in August, 1776. In a return of the troops quartered in and near Philadelphia, made August 27, of that year, it is reported sixty strong. It participated in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. He commanded one of the companies of the Tenth Battalion, Lancaster county militia, and was with the expedition up the West Branch in 1779. The exposure to which Captain Murray was subjected during the revolutionary struggle brought on an attack of rheumatism, from which for many years prior to his death he was a constant sufferer. He married Rebecca McLean, a native of Scotland, who died August 7, 1795. His death occurred in his farm adjoining the borough of Dauphin, Dauphin county, February 15, 1804. The remains of both rest side by side in the old Dauphin cemetery. Their oldest daughter was:

(IV) Margaret Murray, born 1756, in Paxtang township, Lancaster county, (now Dauphin county) Pennsylvania, died April 27, 1826, at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. She was married May 7, 1776, by the Rev. John Elder, to John Simpson, (see page 800, Vol. 8, Penn. Archives) born 1744, in Buckingham township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. His parents, John and Mary Simpson went south and were residents of North Carolina in 1783, and Georgia in 1791. The son learned the trade of blacksmithing, and in 1763 settled on the Susquehanna in what was then Upper Paxtang township, Lancaster (now Dauphin) county. He was commissioned second lieutenant by Captain James Murray's Company, on August 15, 1775, in the Fourth Battalion of Associators of Lancaster county. Lieutenant-Colonel Cornelius Cox, of the battalion, ordered him to remain in the continental smith shop at Bristol on January 28, 1777. He served during the greater part of the Revolution, towards its close in command of a company of militia, and then returned to his farm. In the spring of 1793 he removed to Huntingdon, where he passed the remainder of his days. Their eldest daughter was:

(V) Rebecca Simpson, born April 8, 1777, in Paxtang township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, died October 13, 1845, in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. She married, April 16, 1801, John Patton, born December 25, 1757, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, died May 23, 1836, on his farm in Woodcock valley, Walker township, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. In his earlier years he resided in the town of Huntingdon, and the following is taken from the records there: He was the second sheriff of the county, being appointed by the Free Men of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, David Redick, vice-president, October 29, 1788; again, November 6, 1789, by Thomas Mifflin, president of council; December 3, 1790, by Thomas Mifflin, president of council; December 3, 1791, by Thomas Mifflin, governor; December 3, 1794, by Thomas Mifflin, governor; November 5, 1800, by Thomas McKean, governor; October 27,

1806, by William Findley, governor; November 3, 1812, by Simon Snyder, governor; October 26, 1818, by William Findley, governor, for a term of not less than three years, and possibly six years, covering a period of over thirty years as sheriff. He was an efficient public officer.

(VI) George W. Patton, son of John and Rebecca (Simpson) Patton, was born September 6, 1817, and died March 7, 1882, in Philadelphia. He was one of the lessees of Union Furnace and manager at Blair Furnace. He removed to Altoona in 1852, and in 1854 was chosen first chief burgess of the town, re-elected in 1855, and in 1861 was appointed postmaster, serving eight years, and in 1870 was elected associate judge of Blair county, subsequently removing to Philadelphia. He was twice married (first) June 10, 1845, to Mary Burket, who died March 28, 1856, and had issue: T. Blair Patton, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania industrial school, Huntingdon; William A. Patton, assistant to the president of the Pennsylvania railroad, Philadelphia; and J. Howard Patton, of Greensburg, Pa. Mr. Patton married (second) December 19, 1861, Emma J. Hawsworth, of Altoona, and had issue: Mary V. Patton, wife of Harold A. Freeman, St. David, Pa.; and Margaret Murray Patton, who died December 15, 1889.

((VII) J. Howard Patton, born July 29, 1851, moved to Altoona with his parents in 1852. After receiving his education in the public schools, he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1870, spending ten years in the general superintendent's office. He moved to Claridge, Westmoreland county, in 1885, where he engaged in the mercantile business, and was interested in and opened up the Claridge Gas Coal Company's works of which he still has charge. He moved to Greensburg in 1889, where he organized and is president of the following companies: Atlantic Crushed Coke, Lucesco Coal, Huron Coal, Howard Gas Coal, Hempfield Foundry, Greensburg Storage and Transfer, and other coal interests in Westmoreland county. Politically Mr. Patton affiliates with the Republicans. He is a Lutheran in his religious faith. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being advanced to the degree of a K. T.

Mr. Patton has been twice married (first) April 13, 1880, to A. Louisa Cunningham, of Holdensburg, Pennsylvania, who bore him one child, Howard C. Patton, born February 15, 1881, who attended the Ohio Military Institute, at Cincinnati, and is now the superintendent of the Huron Coal Company and Howard Gas Coal Company, in which his father is actively interested. Mrs. Patton died November 24, 1882. For his second wife Mr. Patton married Jessie R. Geiger, youngest daughter of the late Judge Levi Geiger and his wife, Rosalinda Geiger, of Urbana, Ohio. While Mr. Patton is a busy man of affairs, he is not so absorbed in business as to forget the better things of life—the enjoyment of friendship and his family and fireside ties—and is ever ready to take part in any matter of general interest to the public and for the betterment of mankind.

MICHAEL JOSEPH RORKE, proprietor of the Hotel Cope, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born in Dublin, Ireland, September 2, 1866, the son of Thomas and Jane (King) Rorke, both of whom are deceased, died when their son Michael J. was quite young, and thus he was left to fight the conflicts of life alone. When seventeen years of age, in company with a cousin, John Finnegan, Michael J. Rorke came to America, landing in New York City, February 4, 1883. The same year he found employment at the Blue Rock quarry, near Connellsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, making "Belgium



Blocks." Here he labored for one year and then engaged in the hotel business, clerking at the Yough House, at Connellsville, Pennsylvania, where he remained five years. He then took charge of a hotel at Scottsdale for two years, then purchased a hotel in Homestead, Pennsylvania, which he operated for ten years, after which he sold the same and leased the Hotel Cope at Greensburg, which he is now managing in a highly successful manner. Two years after his arrival in the United States his brother Nicholas followed him, and has been associated with him in business the greater part of the time since. Nicholas Rorke is married and the father of three children. Michael J. Rorke obtained a common school education, and this was supplemented by attendance at Duff's Business College of Pittsburg. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church; and a Democrat in politics. At Homestead, Pennsylvania, in 1896, he was elected by a majority to the position of inspector of elections, and was a member of the Fire Company. He is a member of the O. of E. Lodge, No. 511, at Greensburg; the fire company at Greensburg; the C. M. B. A. and the "L. and H." at Homestead. Mr. Rorke was married January 7, 1890, to Sarah O'Neill, daughter of Bernard and Mariah O'Neill, of Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, where she was reared.

ALBERT H. BELL, a prominent member of the bar of Westmoreland county, was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, November 20, 1857, and is a representative of an old Westmoreland county family. While born in the then far west, he was reared in the Ligonier valley, removing to Greensburg in 1880, where he is now engaged in the practice of his profession.

David Bell (grandfather) was a native of Westmoreland county, and was a brother of Judge James Bell, one of the early associate judges of the county. David Bell was a school teacher during the greater part of his life; in politics he was a Democrat, and he took a lively interest in supporting his party. He married Mary Robinson, also a native of Westmoreland county, a daughter of John Robinson, who was one of the pioneer settlers, and a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and whose wife was Isabella Guffey, a sister of John Guffey, the ancestor of the numerous and widely dispersed Guffey family.

John R. Bell, son of David and Mary (Robinson) Bell, was born in Westmoreland county, December 17, 1824. He was a man of considerable ability and served the public in various important positions. He was a school teacher for a number of years; served as justice of the peace in Donegal township, and in 1879 was elected clerk of the county courts, a position which he acceptably occupied for three years. After 1883 he lived a retired life. He was a staunch Democrat, and always took an active part in political affairs. His first wife was Margaret Singer, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Matthews) Singer. Their children were: Mrs. Emma Lenhart, of Greensburg; Albert H., and Mrs. May M. Cairns, deceased. The mother of these children having died, Mr. Bell married Margaret Kalp, and to them were born three children, among whom was James E. Bell, secretary and treasurer of the Merchant's Trust Company of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Albert H. Bell, second child and only son of John R. and Margaret (Singer) Bell, attended the public and private schools of Westmoreland county, laying an excellent foundation for advanced studies in Mount Union College, which he entered at the age of nineteen years, and where he pursued a two years course. Following the example of his father and grandsire, he was a school teacher in his early manhood, teaching for seven years in Westmoreland county, and conducting a normal class at Mount Pleasant for one year. Dur-

ing his father's term of service as county clerk, from 1880 to 1883, he served as deputy clerk, entering upon his duties with the advantage of a previous six months experience (in 1876) as clerk in the office of the prothonotary. While faithfully discharging his duties as deputy clerk, he was also at the same time engaged in the study of law under the preceptorship of James S. Moorhead and Hon. John B. Hench, judge of the superior court, beginning his reading in the same year in which he entered upon his official duties. He was admitted to the bar in 1884, since which time he has been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. He is well equipped, industrious, and takes rank with the foremost of his professional colleagues. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church of Greensburg, in which he has long served as an elder. He has always been deeply interested in education, served six years on the school board of Greensburg, five years as secretary, and for the past nine years a member of the board of trustees of Westminster College. He is also a member and past officer of the State Educational Association, and is a life member of the board of trustees of the Morrison Underwood Donation Fund, a trust created for the benefit of the Greensburg High School. Mr. Bell married, March 19, 1885, Mary C. Clarke, of Greensburg, a daughter of Judge James C. Clarke. Their children were: James Clarke and Mary M. Bell, now pursuing their studies in Westminster College, and Albert H. Bell, Jr.

DANIEL A. ARTER, one of the leading physicians of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in Salem township, Columbiana county, Ohio, October 26, 1828, the son of Colonel Simon and Elizabeth (Burger) Arter. He is of English descent. His grandfather, Abraham Arter, was born in Maryland. He led a quiet, exemplary life, and was a consistent church member. He removed in 1802, to Columbiana county, Ohio. The wife of Abraham Arter was Magdalena Hahn, and among their children was a son, Simon Arter.

Simon Arter, the father of Daniel A. Arter, was born near Strasburg, Maryland, where he was reared and trained to the life of a farmer. In political belief he was a Whig, and afterwards a Republican, and was noted for being upright and liberal in his dealings. He was an active member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and was elected colonel in a militia organization. He married, in 1824, Elizabeth Burger, daughter of Daniel Burger, of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Arter was born in 1806. Her grandfather, Nicholas Burger, emigrated to this country from Switzerland, settling in Bedford county, and in 1806 removed to the section that is now Columbiana county, Ohio. Seven sons and four daughters were born to Colonel and Mrs. Arter, among them Dr. Daniel Arter. The death of Colonel Arter occurred February 27, 1883, after a useful and well spent life.

Daniel A. Arter attended the public schools of his native place, and later the New Lisbon Academy from which he was graduated in 1847. Having determined to become a medical practitioner, he entered into the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. D. Springer, of New Lisbon, Ohio. He continued the study of his chosen profession in the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College, where his industry and earnestness soon won for him an honorable place in his class. He entered into practice in Blairsville, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and after a five months residence in that place he removed to Lockport. Dr. Arter removed, August 2, 1851, to Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he was recognized as one of the leading physicians



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of the town, conducting an active and prosperous practice. There has probably been no other physician in this part of the state that had a larger clientele, his operations extending throughout Westmoreland and into the counties of Indiana, Armstrong, Cambria, Fayette, and Allegheny, and which is an evidence of his widespread popularity and thoroughness as a physician. He has been a hard and incessant worker, but with all this he is well preserved, hale and hearty—looking many years younger than he is. He was one of the organizers of the Westmoreland National Bank, and stockholder in same; also served as director of the Greensburg Building and Loan Association from December 3, 1877, to December 4, 1882; as president from December 4, 1882, to October 5, 1885. He resigned the presidency, was re-elected director December 5, 1886, and has been a director ever since. Dr. Arter is pre-eminently a self-made man. Beginning with no capital but ambition and a determination to win, he soon acquired a lucrative practice and an honorable place in the world of his profession, and is the owner of considerable valuable real estate, having handled considerable property. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, and he takes a deep and lasting interest in the welfare of that organization. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., R. A., A. O. U. W., and Philanthropy Lodge, No. 225, F. and A. M., and trustee of Masonic Fund of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has constantly held the office of trustee since 1865 except about fourteen months.

Dr. Arter married (first) in 1851, Mary Jane McCune, daughter of Samuel McCune, of Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Their children were: Charlotte B., born March 3, 1852, wife of Charles R. Miller, of Greensburg; Mary E., born October 15, 1854, married W. B. Stanley, a mechanic, of Salem, Ohio; S. Marcus, born November 17, 1856, married Sarah E. Loughrey, and is clerk in the county register's office. Mrs. Arter died in 1856, and Dr. Arter married (second) October 15, 1857, Caroline A. Miller, daughter of Jacob M. Miller. Their children were: Elsie B., born October 22, 1858, and Anna S., born July 11, 1863, married H. S. Sembower, of Uniontown, Pa., and died June 18, 1888. Mrs. Caroline A. Arter died April 24, 1894.

PAUL HUGUS GAITHER, one of Greenburg's leading attorneys, was born in Beaver, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1852. His earliest American ancestor was John Gaither (English), settled at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1621. His grandfather, on the paternal side, was Zachariah Gaither. His father's name was Samuel, and he was born in Washington county, Maryland, October 26, 1806. He was by profession an attorney-at-law. Mr. Gaither's mother was Lydia Hugus Gaither, born August 15, 1812, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Her father was Michael Hugus, whose early ancestors were French Huguenots.

Mr. Gaither was raised in Somerset, Pennsylvania, and studied law with his father. He began the practice of his profession in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, in 1875, being at that time admitted to the Westmoreland county bar. He located at Greensburg in February, 1886, in partnership with Mr. J. A. Marchand, solicitor of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His present partner is the Hon. Cyrus E. Woods. Mr. Gaither has long been known as one of the leading members of the bar of Westmoreland county. In his office work, his long connection with the Pennsylvania railroad, and his extensive corporation practice are sufficient warranty for his reputation for ability in that direction. He was a candidate for judge in 1895, and stood

so high in the estimation of his party that he had no opposition for the nomination. He was defeated at the November election, however, the county going overwhelmingly Republican; but he came from the contest with no bitterness of feeling and with his reputation and integrity unassailed. Among some of the cases in which Mr. Gaither was prominently concerned are those of *Robb vs. Carnegie*, 145 Pa. 324, a case which became prominent in the courts of Pennsylvania, by reason of the important legal questions involved. Also that of *Baker vs. Westmoreland and Cambria Natural Gas Company*, 157 Pa. 593; the case of *Clarke et al. vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company*, in which the rights of riparian owners were involved, and which is reported in 145 Pa. 438. Also the case of *Whitehead vs. Jones*, 197 Pa. 511, deciding the question of the rights of tenants in common, with respect to a very valuable tract of land; and also the case of *Case Manufacturing Company, plaintiff in error, vs. Peter H. Saxman et al.*, which was tried in the circuit court of the United States, at Pittsburg; appealed to the supreme court of the United States, and argued in that court on January 16, 1891; reported in *One Hundred and Thirty-eighth United States supreme court report*, page 431. This case involved the consideration of the law with respect to the novation of contracts; evidence that notes were received as payment, and acts of a financial manager as binding on his company. Mr. Gaither is a lawyer of versatile ability, and can excel in any branch of the profession which he enters. Like most country lawyers his practice has not been exclusively in any one line. We believe, however, that he is seen at his best in the trial of a corporate case, when arguing questions of law to the bench, or upon a review of his cause in the appellate courts. As a jury lawyer, moreover, he has shown an ability approximating that of the ablest advocates of his time. He has long been a member of the Presbyterian church. He has traveled extensively in Europe and Palestine, and has made many addresses in non-denominational work.

WILLIAM B. PARKS, a prosperous business man of Greensburg, was born September 13, 1838, in the vicinity of Courtney Station, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, a son of James and Mary (Woods) Parks. James Parks (father) was born in Tyrone, Ireland, where he was reared and educated, attending the common schools adjacent to his home. When twenty-five years of age he determined to seek a new home for himself amid new surroundings and accordingly emigrated to the United States, settling in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his days. At the early age of fifteen years he married, and the death of his wife occurred nine months later. He married a second time, this wife dying one year later, survived by one child, and at the age of twenty-five years he married his third wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Woods, in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, and they had eight children: Alexander, deceased; Martha, Nancy, Alice, deceased; Ann Jane, William B., mentioned hereafter; Thomas, and James, deceased.

William B. Parks received the educational advantages afforded by the common schools of that day, attending those in the First ward in Allegheny City until he was thirteen years of age. He then engaged in the trade of brick making with his father, becoming an expert mechanic, and at the age of twenty-two years began an apprenticeship at the trade of machinist, which he followed for twelve years. He then returned to his former trade, brick

making, at which he labored for twenty consecutive years, and at the expiration of this period of time located in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, established a general merchandise business, and has conducted the same with a large degree of success up to the present time (1905). Mr. Parks married, July 25, 1862, Amanda Baker, daughter of Joseph Baker, who bore him three children, all now deceased. Her death occurred December 23, 1865. Mr. Parks married for his second wife Eliza Brugh, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Pool) Brugh, the ceremony being performed March 28, 1868. Their children were: William B., married Tilly Askil; Catherine, married Frank Peebling; Oma Stone; Thomas, married Ida Augustine; James deceased, married Lizzie Orr; and Pearl, deceased.

JOSEPH KEMP ROBINSON, proprietor of the Greensburg Steam Laundry, was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1862, the son of William and Maria M. (Kemp) Robinson.

The American ancestor was Irwin Robinson (1), who was a native of Ennis Killen, county of Fennaugh, Ireland. Being an English subject, when the Revolution came on in America, he was drafted into service and sent to this country to take part in that struggle. He was through the whole conflict as a British soldier, including the battle of Yorktown. He carried a Bible in his pocket, and it was struck by a Yankee bullet, cutting quite a good-sized hole in the book. At another time he was struck by a bullet in his arm, which ball he carried the remainder of his days. He was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, captured by Washington, and after peace was declared returned to England. He soon found he had been fighting on the wrong side, and although entitled to a pension from the English government, he refused to accept it, and later became one of the most loyal Americans. He studied medicine for three years and practiced his profession, especially in surgery.

His love affair was indeed quite full of romance. At twenty-five years of age he was a manly fellow, five feet nine inches high; hair brown and straight. He "fell in love" with Catherine Elliott, a beautiful slender figure. She had dark brown eyes and wore curly ringlets. She was but fifteen years of age, and for this reason they were forbidden to marry. Several times her parents locked her up in her bed-chamber. The house was a cottage of one story. At the time of the elopement her parents had kept her full a month in her room, her bed being pushed against the wall made of stone, but the girl was not to be outwitted, and silently worked her plans to completion. She finally succeeded in getting a hole through the wall large enough to let herself out and on one dark night she crept through (the moon being invisible) and met her lover and they rode away on horseback and were married. They became the parents of George and John Robinson. These three, with the Elliott family, left England for America in 1792. They came in a sailing vessel and were on the ocean from May until September and encountered fearful storms. Mrs. Irwin Robinson brought plenty of flax along, thinking, it is related, that she could not get it "in the woods of America." They located in what is now Blair county, Pennsylvania. They purchased land of a Mr. Holliday, where now stands the city of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. The Elliotts settled in the Ligonier valley, between Fairfield and Ross Furnace. The daughter's love of parents caused them to settle in a less productive country four miles southwest of where Boliver

stands to-day. Chambersburg was the nearest place at which supplies could then be procured. They followed a trail across the wild country on pack-horses midst numerous tribes of Indians. Land was cheap, four dollars per acre.

Irwin Robinson was a Methodist, but Quaker in habits and language. Mrs. Robinson's mother's name was Mary Woods. She had been a member of the Church of England (Episcopalian), but became a Methodist and three of her sons became Methodist preachers. The whole family were zealous in church work. Irwin Robinson and wife, the American founder of this family, had twelve children: George, John, Jane, Hance, Irwin, Thomas, Mary, James, William, Elliott, Christopher and Elizabeth. George was born July 5, 1788, died November 3, 1869. He was the grandfather of Joseph K. Robinson, whose name heads this sketch. He married Susanna Brinker, born May 23, 1795, and died August 7, 1887. They settled about four miles from Greensburg, Pennsylvania, on a farm. Methodist services were frequently held at their home. Their children were: William, Susanna, Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary, John, Henry, Jacob, Daniel, and James. The three latter always resided in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

(II) William Robinson, father of Joseph K., of the above named family, was born in Hempfield township, March 19, 1818, and died May 31, 1884. He was a merchant, owning a store in Greensburg for many years. He was a man of much intelligence and a devoted Christian and prominent member of the Methodist church. He was for many years a class leader. Politically he was a hearty supporter of the Republican party, and was an active member of the A. F. and A. M., holding the various offices of the order. He married Maria Margaret Kemp, daughter of Solomon and Mary Magdalena (Wentling) Kemp, March 3, 1847. She was born November 24, 1825. Her father's family were natives of Germany. Their children were: Emma, Homer C., Mary S., Anna M., William, Lydia B., George F., Joseph Kemp of whom further, and Jessie.

(III) Of Joseph Kemp Robinson it may be said that he received his education in the Greensburg schools and learned the stone-cutter's trade, following the same for six years. For five years prior to this, however, he was a news agent at Greensburg. He established himself in the laundry business in Greensburg in 1887, and is now located in a three-story brick building. His business extends to thirty-five towns in Westmoreland county. His plant is fully equipped with all modern laundry machinery. He was a member of Company I, Tenth Regiment Pennsylvania National Guards, for five years, but was never called out for actual service. He is identified with the Woodmen of the World, and is a member of the First Reformed Church at Greensburg. He married, June 5, 1893, near Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Mary Margaret Kunkle, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Kepple) Kunkle, farmers of Westmoreland county, residing in Hempfield township. (See elsewhere in this work for the Kunkle family history). Their children were: Helen K., William H., Joseph J., Sarah Maria and Carl Emery, all born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Robinson's life as a business man has been devoted to three occupations only—five years a news agent, six years a stone-cutter and eighteen years a laundryman. He is an unassuming, thorough-going business man, whom to know is but to admire and respect. He is also the proprietor of the large auditorium building on Maple avenue, a building devoted to general entertainment.

**AMOS POOL WEAVER.** The names of two well-known families of Westmoreland county are borne by Amos Pool Weaver, of Greensburg, one representing his paternal ancestry and the other the family to which his mother belonged. Both patronymics are synonymous with good citizenship.

Jacob P. Weaver, son of Jacob and Sarah (Kiehl) Weaver, was born October 9, 1843, in Greensburg, and served as a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad under Andrew Carnegie. Later he was engaged in the planing mill and lumber yard business in Ludwick borough, under the firm name of Pool & Weaver, for thirty years was a farmer in Unity township, and in 1906 retired from the farm and resided in Greensburg. During the Civil war he served as a private in Company C, Fifty-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Thomas Gallagher. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. He married, December 24, 1868, Mary Jane Pool, whose family history is given below.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver had children: Minnie S., Amos Pool, mentioned hereafter; Jacob P., Jennie P., Howard Z., Samuel P., and Sallie K.

Zachariah Pool was born March 21, 1780, in Baltimore county, Maryland, of English ancestry on his father's side and through his mother of German descent. Early in life he went to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and in 1812 moved thence to Hempfield township, Westmoreland county. His calling was that of a shoemaker, which he followed in connection with farming. Although never an aspirant to office he was elected in 1827 tax collector of Hempfield township. His political principles were those of the Democratic party, and he was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Mr. Pool married, September 19, 1805, Barbara Huffman, of Chambersburg, and fourteen children were born to them, one of whom, Samuel, is mentioned hereafter. Mr. Pool's industrious and useful life was prolonged well-nigh to the century limit, his death occurring December 6, 1877, when he had reached the extraordinary age of ninety-seven years, eight months and fifteen days. His descendants were numerous, including, in addition to his fourteen children, one hundred and one grandchildren, one hundred and forty great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren, in all two hundred and sixty four.

Samuel Pool, fifth child of Zachariah and Barbara (Huffman) Pool, was born August 12, 1811, and followed the trade of a boot and shoemaker. In the sphere of politics he adhered to the Republicans, and in matters of religion to the Evangelical Lutheran church, of which he was a member. He married, September 18, 1834, Sophia Fredrica Bierer, and of their eleven children the seventh was a daughter, Mary Jane, born May 19, 1848, in Hempfield township, and became the wife of Jacob P. Weaver, as mentioned above. Mr. Pool died September 29, 1890. He was a man whose character was above suspicion, and he left behind him an honored name.

Amos Pool Weaver, son of Jacob P. and Mary Jane (Pool) Weaver, was born September 9, 1871, in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, and is a blacksmith by trade, making a specialty of that branch of the business known as horseshoeing. He is a public-spirited citizen, giving evidence of being such by serving as a member of hose company No. 2, Greensburg fire department, and officiating as treasurer of the company. He also belongs to the Grand Fraternity, of which he is treasurer, and the Woodmen of the

World. He is a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. Weaver married, December 22, 1898, in Greensburg, Oma Stone, born December 2, 1873, in Allegheny City, Allegheny county, daughter of William B. and Eliza A. Parks, the former a merchant of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have one child, Frank Parks, born March 17, 1904, in Greensburg.

**JAMES E. LOUGHREY.** One of Greensburg's enterprising business men of the younger generation is James E. Loughrey. He is a grandson of John Loughrey, who was born in Derry, Ireland, emigrated to the United States about 1835, and settled in Greensburg. He married Jane McFarland, and the two enjoyed the respect of their neighbors and friends in their new home on this side of the sea.

James F. Loughrey, son of John and Jane (McFarland) Loughrey, was born in 1849, in Greensburg, where he received his education in the common schools. When about sixteen years of age he left school and learned the marblecutter's trade with a firm in Pittsburg, and this calling he followed all his life. In 1877 he married Frances E., daughter of David and Martha (Steel) Mechling, the former a farmer and a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Loughrey had children: James E., mentioned hereafter; Carrie E., married in 1902, William H. Fisher, a jeweler of Greensburg, and has one child, Frances Elizabeth; Martha and Jane F.

James E. Loughrey, son of James F. and Frances E. (Mechling) Loughrey, was born February 27, 1880, in Greensburg, and was educated in the common schools of his native town. After leaving school at the age of sixteen he obtained employment with the Greensburg Steam Laundry, where he remained four years and a half. He then became connected with the Westmoreland Laundry, with which he was associated one year and a half. At the end of that time, 1901, he moved into his own building and established the Keystone Laundry. The undertaking prospered and he is still busily engaged on the same site. Mr. Loughrey's sympathies and affiliations are with the Republican party, to which he gives the support and encouragement of his vote.

**FREDERICK WILLIAM CHICHESTER.** One of the foremost business men of Greensburg is Frederick William Chichester. He is a representative of an old New England family which has been for two hundred years resident in Fairfield county, Connecticut. His great-great-grandfather, Abraham Chichester, is mentioned in the annals of the Revolutionary war as a colonel in the Patriot army. The race has been largely engaged in the sphere of commerce. George Alonzo Chichester, a cattle drover, was the father of George Edward Chichester, who is a leaf-tobacco merchant of Danbury, Connecticut. He married Fannie Van Vallier De Klyn, and four children were born to them, three of whom survive: Frederick William, of whom later; Edward G., a broker in Pittsburg; and Mary Antoinette, at home.

Frederick William Chichester, son of George Edward and Fannie Van Vallier (De Klyn) Chichester, was born August 9, 1873, in Danbury Connecticut, where he received his education in the public schools. From early boyhood he had the advantage of a thorough business training under the guidance of his father, and in 1890 was offered and accepted a position as general bookkeeper with the Danbury National Bank, where he remained four years. In 1894 he went on the road for his father, covering territory





*Robt. S. Jamison*



extending from New York city to Omaha, Nebraska. After leaving this capacity for about two years he went to Pittsburgh, where he was associated with a coal company until 1898. He then removed to Greensburg, where he engaged with the firm of Maxwell & Wideman, subsequently a firm under name of Chichester & Hudson. In 1902 he engaged in a wholesale grocery business and has since organized the Westmoreland Coal and Coke Company, an incorporated company, and the pioneers of the wholesale business in Westmoreland county. The enterprise has prospered and the expectations of its originators and the business is growing rapidly. He is a member of Union Lodge, No. 40, F. and A. M., and of the Elks Club, No. 10, both of Danbury, Connecticut. He also belongs to the Elks Club of Danbury, No. 1, K. T., Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and to the Elks Club, in addition to being identified with Greensburg Lodge, No. 1, F. and A. M. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. Charles, married in 1901, Laura, daughter of Josiah Wagner, a prominent citizen of Lewis, Pennsylvania, one child, George DeKlyn.

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Although devoting much time to other pursuits, he was a farmer all his life, and was a leader in scientific methods for improving the soil, using time-saving machinery and introducing new and better strains of live stock. He took an active part in establishing the Westmoreland Agricultural Society, being its president for a number of years. In early manhood his mind was attracted to the growing importance of the coal and coke industry of western Pennsylvania. With keen foresight of the needs of the future, he began to study the coal basins of his own locality. In 1880, as among others, he began buying coal lands extensively in Westmoreland county, and continued to do so for more than twenty years, and time has abundantly proved the wisdom of these ventures. All the properties purchased by him have become incorporated into large and flourishing industries. At the time of his death he was president and large owner of the coal and coke company that bears his name. In private life he was genial, fair, uniformly courteous and charitable. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church of Greensburg, and one of its officers for many years. He married Caroline Wilson, also native to Greensburg, who died May 24, 1905. Both are buried in St. Clair cemetery. The names of their ten children are: Mary Emma, died 1877; William W., Joseph Henry, died 1895; John M., Thomas S., Charles M., Robert S., Hugh D., Richard H., and Jay C. Jamison.

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of land. Robert Jamison located in Unity township, and his grandson, Joseph Jamison, owns and still lives at the old homestead. John Jamison located in Hempfield township, and after remaining for more than one hundred years in his family the land is now owned by the Westmoreland Water Company, the present reservoir covering the site of the original buildings. In 1774 John Jamison married Janet Martin\*, daughter of John Martin, of Big Cove, Fulton county, Pennsylvania. She was a sister of Hugh Martin, who also came to Westmoreland county about that time. The children of Mr. and Mrs. John Jamison were: Francis, John, Hugh, Robert, Benjamin, James, Margaret, Janet, Mary, and Martha. Hugh and James inherited the old homestead and spent their lives upon it.

III. Hugh Jamison (1785-1873), father of Robert S. Jamison, married Jane Stuart in 1817. A farmer by occupation, he taught for many winters in the public schools near his home. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His children were: John (1818-1902), Daniel Stuart (1822-1891), Hugh Martin, now living in the state of Texas; Margaret J., now living in Greensburg, and Robert S. Jamison (1835-1903).

WILLIAM STOKES TURNEY, one of the prosperous, active business factors of Greensburg, engaged in the commission and storage business, was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1857, the son of Robert Williams and Elizabeth (Cook) Turney.

(I) The great-great-grandfather was a native of Germany, emigrated to America and settled in eastern Pennsylvania, probably before the middle of the eighteenth century. His name was Dorney, but like many other names in this country, it has undergone a change, being now spelled Turney.

(II) Daniel Turney, the great-grandfather, was born in the province of Pennsylvania, eastern part, whence several of his brothers departed for new homes. One settled in Ohio, another in Tennessee, one located in North Carolina, and Daniel Turney crossed the Allegheny mountains to Westmoreland county, settling near the site of "ye ancient" Hannahstown, which was Greensburg's predecessor as the countyseat. He was a farmer. Among his eight children was one called Jacob, Sr., the third child.

(III) Jacob Turney, Sr., son of Daniel Turney (II), was born in 1788, early in life located at Greensburg, and afterwards held the office of county commissioner, county treasurer, etc. He was an active Democrat, and on his return from a state convention at Harrisburg, to which he had been sent as a delegate, he contracted a cold while crossing the mountains, from the effects of which he died some years later, January 4, 1827. His wife, to whom he was married January 23, 1810, was Margaret Singer, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, born May 11, 1792, who bore him seven children: Daniel, Nancy Williams (deceased), Samuel Singer (deceased), formerly editor of the *Argus*, and later postmaster at Greensburg for twelve years. Lucian B. (deceased), Lucinda, married Richard B. Kenly; Robert Williams, and Jacob, Jr., all of whom are now deceased.

(IV) Robert Williams Turney, son of Jacob Turney, Sr., and Margaret (Singer) Turney, was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1822, died July 28, 1893. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker. Later he was engaged by the Pennsylvania company to survey its original line, and when com-

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\*For the story of the capture of Janet Martin by the Indians, see page 114 of the first volume of this series.

pleted he was appointed as the first passenger conductor on the system. Subsequently he was made ticket and freight agent at Greensburg borough, which office he held at the date of his death. He married Elizabeth Cook, born September 21, 1820, and still surviving. She is the daughter of David and Mary Cook. David Cook descended from Captain James Cook, of England, and was a son of John Cook, of the same country, who settled in Hagerstown, Maryland. David Cook was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1793, and died in 1865. He came to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and clerked in a store. He was also county commissioner several terms, as well as register of will and recorder, besides serving two terms as associate judge of Westmoreland county. He was an own cousin of Governor George Geary, of Pennsylvania. He married Mary McKinney, who came from Glasgow, Scotland, when but fifteen years of age. She was the daughter of Alexander McKinney, who came from Scotland and settled at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, but later removed to Greensburg. The children of David Cook and wife were: William A., Mary, Margaretta, Jane Ann, Theressa, and Charles. The children of Robert W. and Elizabeth (Cook) Turney were: Anzonnetta, David C., Jacob, Anna Belle, Robert W., Jr., Marcellus R., William Stokes, Mary Elizabeth, and Margaret.

(V) William Stokes Turney, the seventh child of Robert W. and Elizabeth (Cook) Turney, born July 7, 1857, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, received a good common school education and was made assistant freight agent at Greensburg. Later he embarked in the produce and commission business at Greensburg, which line he is still operating in. He votes the Democratic ticket. He has been a school director in his borough for seventeen years. He has served as deacon and elder in the First Reformed church of Greensburg, of which he has long been a member. Mr. Turney has been twice married (first) March 26, 1877, to Mattie R. Fry, born February 12, 1858, died August 25, 1891. Their children were: Harry L., born November 5, 1878, died August 18, 1897; Edward K., born August 24, 1880; E. McC., born August 23, 1882. For his second wife, Mr. Turney married, December 29, 1892, Priscilla Etta Fry. She was born May 18, 1871. By this marriage, one daughter, Elizabeth Cook, was born November 6, 1893. Both of Mr. Turney's wives were the daughters of Isaac and Margaret Fry, of Youngstown, Pennsylvania.

LEVI PORTSER. A list of Greensburg's respected citizens would be incomplete without the name of Levi Portser, whose grandfather, Christian Portser, came across the sea from Germany as a young man and became a farmer in York county. Later he moved to Westmoreland, settling in Hempfield township on what is now the Sherey farm. He afterward sold this property and removed to Delmont, having purchased a farm just outside of the town, where he lived during the remainder of his life.

Joshua Portser, son of Christian Portser, was born in York county, and learned the trade of blacksmith in Greensburg. After finishing his apprenticeship he opened a shop in Delmont which he subsequently moved to the salt works, returning later to Delmont, where he conducted a shop until 1833. He then bought a farm of one hundred and six acres in Hempfield township, four miles north of Greensburg, where he resided during the remainder of his life. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Portser married Elizabeth Martz, of Franklin township, and of their nine children six are living: Mary, widow of Simon Row; William, who lives on the homestead; Levi, of whom later; Matilda, wife of Jacob Mainhart, of Pittsburg; James D., of Manor Station; and Sarah,

wife of James Orr, of Greensburg. Mr. Portser, the father of the family, died in 1874, at the age of seventy-one.

Levi Portser, son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Martz) Portser, was born January 29, 1837, in Hempfield township, and received his education in the common schools. At twenty years of age he apprenticed himself to the trade of plasterer, which has since formed the main business of his life, although he has engaged to some extent in contracting and building. He learned his trade in Greensburg, and since 1857 that town has been his home, his part in the building and growth of the place having been no inconsiderable one. From 1893 to 1898 he owned valuable coal lands in Mellan and Franklin townships, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and at the present time is the possessor of coal lands in Virginia which he is developing with the expectations of beginning shipments this spring. In 1903 he built the handsome modern residence in East Greensburg which he now occupies. Mr. Portser served part of an unexpired term as burgess of East Greensburg, being appointed to finish the unserved time of Dr. George Culbertson. He is now president of the school board. He has taken all the Masonic degrees up to that of Knight Templar, and is one of the oldest members in Greensburg in point of membership, having joined in 1863. He is a Democrat in politics. During the Civil war he was among the three months men sent out in 1863. January 5, 1870, Mr. Portser married Isabella, daughter of Robert and Caroline Cochran, then residents of Indiana county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Portser were the parents of six children: Robert K., now an attorney in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, who served in the Spanish-American war, in the Philippines; Iden M., a Greensburg physician; Carrie B., wife of Joseph W. Steel, of Greensburg; Bessie V., resides with her father; Wallace W., who graduated from Bucknel University, and is now employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with an engineering corps; Edwina M., deceased. Mrs. Portser died December 5, 1903.

**CURTIN PHILIP STEINER.** It is safe to say that no citizen of South Greensburg is better or more favorably known to the population at large than is Curtin Philip Steiner. His great-grandfather, who emigrated to this country from Germany, was the father of six sons, the names of five of whom have been preserved: Philip, Joseph, John, Henry, and Jacob.

John C. Steiner, son of Philip Steiner, mentioned above, was born in 1840, in Westmoreland county, where he grew up on a farm and learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed for some years. Later he engaged in farming and other occupations. In July, 1864, he enlisted in Company K, Two Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving until the close of the war, and receiving a wound in the head from a spent ball. While living in New Stanton he was for fifteen years a justice of the peace, and since his removal to Scottdale, in 1895, has held the same office. He belongs to the G. A. R., the Grange, the J. O. U. A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the K. of M. He is one of the leading Democrats of Scottdale, and is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Steiner married Harriet C. Pool, and their children are: Lizzie M., wife of Luther M. Hays, of East Greensburg; Curtin Philip, of whom later; Catherine T., wife of James E. Funks, of New Stanton; Charles E., of Scottdale; Anna M., at home; Joseph M., engaged in the cigar business in Scottdale; Samuel O., in partnership with his brother Joseph M.; and Sarah H., at home.

Curtin Philip Steiner, son of John C. and Harriet C. (Pool) Steiner, was born October 10, 1863, in New Stanton, and received his education in the com-

mon schools. When no more than twelve years of age he worked for neighboring farmers during harvest, and when somewhat older was employed in the stone quarry. About the time of attaining his majority he worked for one year in a general store in New Stanton, after which he found employment as a locomotive fireman on the Pennsylvania Railway. This position he held four years, and at the end of that time was made engineer. In 1892, after running his engine for three years, he resigned his position and engaged in the cigar business in Scottdale. In 1897 he became the proprietor of the Central Hotel in Scottdale, which he disposed of by sale six months later. For some months thereafter he represented a Pittsburgh house as a traveling salesman, and then went to Connellsville, where he once more engaged in the cigar business. In January, 1900, he settled in South Greensburg, and again became the proprietor of a hotel which his genial qualities as a host soon made extremely popular. In consequence of the fact that his business speedily outgrew the dimensions of his building, Mr. Steiner erected, in the summer and winter of 1903, a remarkably fine hotel structure of light pressed brick, supplied with all the modern hotel improvements. In April, 1904, he took possession of this building, which he opened under the name of the Colonial Road House and which has since been one of the leading hotels of Greensburg, noted alike for the admirable manner in which it is conducted and for the obliging qualities of its host. Mr. Steiner also erected two residence properties in Greensburg, of which he is still the owner. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Steiner married, August 4, 1897, Mary L. Gallagher, of Connellsville, and their children are: James Donald and Joseph Curtin.

WILLIAM M. HUDSON, one of the leading and substantial business merchants of Westmoreland county, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1857, son of George and Nancy R. (Mansfield) Hudson.

He is a descendant of James Hudson, a native of Wales, who emigrated to the United States, locating in Chester county, Pennsylvania. On the maternal side, William M. Hudson is of Irish ancestry, his great-grandparents having lived and died in Ireland, his grandmother being the first of the family to leave her native land, and whose mother lived in Ireland at the advanced age of one hundred and five years. His paternal grandfather was James Hudson, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania. In early manhood James Hudson learned the trade of carpenter. He resided for some time in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and about 1816 removed to Westmoreland county, locating on a small farm of about forty acres, which he purchased in Unity township, near Pleasant Unity, where he lived for about twenty-five years. He then purchased a farm of about one hundred acres near Crabtree, residing here until four or five years prior to his death, when he removed to Allegheny township. He was independent in politics, voting always for the man whom he considered best fitted for the position. He married and had nine children, George being the only surviving member of his family. James Hudson's death occurred in Allegheny township, when he was about eighty-four years of age, and his wife, Mary (McCasland) Hudson, also passed away in that township.

George Hudson, father of William M. Hudson, was born in Unity township, November 24, 1819, received his early education in the common schools of his native place, and subsequently attended the old Greensburg Academy. When about twenty-one years of age he commenced teaching school, continuing in this employment for about sixteen years, becoming one of the well-known

early teachers of Westmoreland county. He then turned his attention to farming, following this occupation in Salem and Hempfield townships until 1879, when he removed to Ludwick borough, where he lived a retired life until 1905, when he moved into Greensburg proper. In 1849 Mr. Hudson married Nancy R. Mansfield, of Unity township, daughter of Abraham and Isabelle (McGee) Mansfield. To them eight children were born, three of whom are still living: William M., of whom later; Martha Alice, and George E. George Hudson is a Republican and is now serving his second term as member of the school board. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and is one of the esteemed men of the county.

William M. Hudson was reared at home and educated in the common schools of his native place. In 1879 he removed to Ludwick borough with his parents, and for several years was in the employ of the firm of Donahue & Kuhns, at Crabtree, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he had entire charge of the grain business. In 1891 he became a member of the firm, and two years later Mr. Kuhns died, his son, J. U. Kuhns, taking his interest in the business. Some time later the death of Mr. Donahue occurred, and Mr. Hudson and Mr. Kuhns purchased his interest in the business, which has since been conducted under the firm name of Hudson & Kuhns, and which has proved a very successful business. Mr. Hudson is a man of character and standing, has made his own way in the world, and is in every way worthy of the success which has crowned his efforts. In politics Mr. Hudson affiliates with the Republican party. He has served as auditor of the borough and two terms as councilman. As a citizen he is popular and well-liked, and has served with honor and credit the positions of trust and responsibility which he has held. He is unmarried and makes his home with his father.

**DANIEL KUNKLE.** In a list of Greensburg's most respected citizens the name of Daniel Kunkle would stand very high. Mr. Kunkle's great-grandfather, Jacob Kunkle, emigrated from Germany, and after a time settled on a farm in Westmoreland county where he lived some years, returning finally to his former home east of the mountains and there ending his days.

Jacob Kunkle had a son who passed his life in Westmoreland county, and was the father of Michael Kunkle. The latter was born in Sewickly township, and was a prosperous farmer, owning a farm one mile north of Greensburg. He held the rank of major in a Westmoreland county regiment, was a Democrat in politics and an active member of the German Reformed church. He married Mary Mechling, and eight children were born to them, only two of whom are now living: Daniel, of whom later; and Amos, a resident of Greensburg. Mr. Kunkle died at the age of sixty-eight, and his death was caused by an accident with a threshing machine.

Daniel Kunkle, son of Michael and Mary (Mechling) Kunkle, was born March 16, 1831, in Hempfield township, and received his education in the common schools. At nineteen years of age he apprenticed himself to the painter's trade, which failing health obliged him to abandon about six years later. He then engaged in the grain and lumber business in Ludwick borough, in partnership with a Mr. Lobaugh. At the end of six years Mr. Kunkle withdrew from the firm, and for more than fifteen years conducted a successful lumber business on his own account. He then retired and established his two sons in the lumber business at Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio, where the enterprise was conducted by them for a number of years. Since his withdrawal from business Mr. Kunkle has lived in retirement. He is the owner of a portion of the old







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Brintnel Robbins removed to Greensburg in 1830, where he lived the remaining part of his life. He was a pensioner of the Revolutionary war. He died July 25, 1836, and is buried in Harold graveyard, near Greensburg.

(VI) William Robbins, son of Brintnel (5), was born in 1795 and died in 1834; he was married to Agnes Sloan.

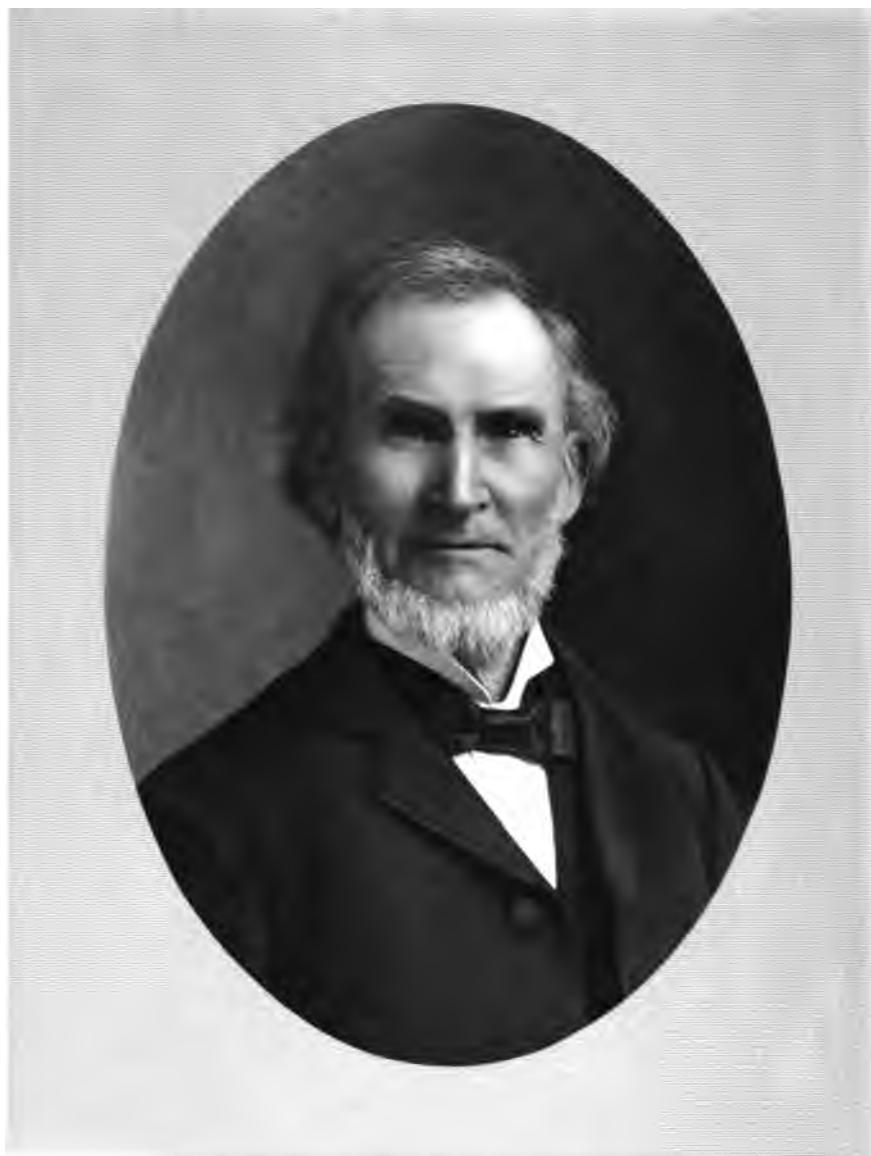
(VII) Joseph Robbins, son of William (6) and Rachel Gordon Robbins, was born at Robbins' Station, Pennsylvania, in 1824. He was married (first) to Rachel Robbins, and after her death, Margaret Cristy. He was the pioneer coal operator in the Youghiogheny district, opening up an extensive mine at Osceola in 1848. He was active in public affairs, served as school director for twelve years, and was a delegate to various Republican conventions. He was a Presbyterian in faith and membership.

(VIII) Edward Everett Robbins, son of Joseph, was born at Robbins Station, Pennsylvania, in September, 1861. He began his education in the public schools in that place, pursued advanced branches in Elders Ridge Academy, and entered Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was a graduate in 1881, at the age of twenty, with the degree of master of arts, being sixth in a class of thirty-six. He prepared for his chosen profession in the law department of Columbia University, New York, and graduated in 1884, being admitted the same year to the bar of Westmoreland county. In the following year he was nominated for district attorney. He was elected to the state senate in 1888, and served efficiently in that body for a term of six years. Mr. Robbins introduced and secured the passage of the bill appropriating five thousand dollars to the Childrens' Aid Society, thus securing the present home for this deserving institution. This was the first state aid for any purpose by the people of Westmoreland. He also introduced the law providing for free text books in the public schools, and was chairman of the judiciary committee of the senate. He was especially active in the movement for equalization of taxes and the enactment of a law for this purpose.

During the fifty-fifth congress the Dingley tariff bill was enacted when the coal and iron schedules were under consideration in the house. Mr. Robbins addressed the committee of the whole with much force and success. His work in behalf of a protective tariff was both brilliant and able. His work for Cuban independence and speeches for that cause were widely read and commanded attention. He visited the island of Cuba and understood the conditions there. Mr. Robbins was one of the three members of congress who volunteered and entered the army at the outbreak of hostilities with Spain and was commissioned captain and quartermaster First Brigade, Third Division, First Army Corps, May 14, 1898.

In politics he is a Republican, and has borne an active part in supporting the principles and candidates of the party. When the Spanish-American war came on he offered his services to the government, and was assigned to duty as quartermaster with the rank of captain on the staff of General John A. Wily, commander of the First Brigade, Third Division, First Army Corps, at Camp Thomas, Georgia, by special order No. 143, issued from the adjutant-general's office at Washington. Mr. Robbins has long been in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, serving as private, lieutenant, major, brigade quartermaster, and commissary general of the state on the staff of Governor Stone. This experience was of great value to him in the Spanish-American war, and he was detailed to the special duty of equipping and shipping troops to the front. His success brought him a promotion, and August 21, 1898, by special order 196 he was made a chief quartermaster with the rank of major of United States





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Volunteers, and placed in charge of the transport "Seneca," and sent with United States commissioners, Admiral Schley and Gordon to Porto Rico. He served at Ponce, San Juan, Santiago; was in charge of the United States transports "Mobile," "Chester," and "Grant." After the conclusion of peace, Quartermaster-General Luddington offered him a commission as major in the regular army, but he declined and tendered his resignation and was honorably discharged by special order 243 of the adjutant-general, issued from Washington, receiving from the secretary of war, November 14, 1898, specially commending his services.

With high standing in his profession, Mr. Robbins cares for a large and important personal practice and is also solicitor for the Baltimore and Ohio and the Ligonier Valley Railroad companies, and professional adviser for various corporations with which he is identified, and which are large commercial and financial factors in the business of his city and county. He is president of the Garrett Coal Company, organized the Pittsburg and Baltimore Coal Company, a director in the Safe Deposit and Trust Company, of Greensburg, the Wilmerding National Bank of Wilmerding, Connellsville Basin Coke Company, and a stockholder in other banks and industrial corporations, and in the Tribune Press Publishing Company, of Greensburg, a member of various clubs—the Americanus, the Duquesne and the University. In religion he is a Presbyterian, and he is president of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian church of Greensburg.

Mr. Robbins married, December 17, 1897, Luella Moore, daughter of J. W. and Elizabeth S. Moore, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. They had two children: Edward E., born December 2, 1900; and William M., born March 26, 1902.

JOSEPH ROBBINS was born April 4, 1824, at the Robbins homestead, where he still lives. In 1847 he embarked in the coal business, opening the first coal road to run on the Youghiogheny river, at Osceola, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. His first venture was on a lease on the basis of one-fourth cents per bushel royalty. The coal was mined and floated down the river in boats, when the water was sufficiently high to carry them, and sold at Cincinnati, at the rate of ten cents per bushel. The means of transportation was extremely venturesome, about one-half of the boats being lost in the river. However, during the first four years of his coal business he was very successful, meeting with little or no loss, but during the fifth year he lost some boats by parting of the line at Cincinnati. Several also went over the dam at Pittsburg, some at Blenerhassett Island, and one at Louisville. During this time, however, the coal business had increased until he was selling coal at Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans. His coal was confiscated by the Confederate government at the outbreak of the war, and he concluded the business was entirely too hazardous to continue, and closed out his interests. The firm was known as Horn and Robbins, composed of Peter Horn and Joseph Robbins, and in connection with their coal business they kept a general store and operated a sand works. In 1857 Mr. Horn sold out, retired and went west. In 1859 Mr. Robbins sold his coal, store and sand interests to Messrs. Kelly and Stout.

In the year of 1847, when the scheme of improving by slack water the Youghiogheny river was taken up, Mr. Robbins became one of its most active supporters, and aided in raising the amount required to construct the two dams, one at Elrods, and one at Buena Vista. The company was organized by meet-

ing at West Newton. Alexander Plummer, president, Moses Robbins, William Larimer, Cyrus Markle and Joseph Robbins were the organizers and first directors, and William Day was selected as engineer. He had constructed dams for the state on the Kiskiminitas river to feed the canal. The two dams to be constructed cost about \$100,000, and this was raised by subscription to the capital stock of the Youghiogheny Navigation Company. The contract was let to William Alston for the first lock at Elrods, and Theodore Swan for the one at Buena Vista. These locks provided slack-water navigation from McKeesport to West Newton. The contractors encountered great difficulty in building the dams—in following the specifications. It required the dams to be built of plank and filled in with concrete. It was discovered that the plank would not retain the concrete and the dams would not hold water. The company had agreed with the coal operators to have the dams finished in 1848. The work was not completed until 1849, and many coal works were opened and boats loaded along the river, and after the river was frozen up many of the boats were lost. Navigation was opened in September, 1849, and was continued until the winter of 1861, when the heavy freeze caused the ice to gorge and the tops were taken off these dams. A committee was then appointed to raise money to repair the Navigation Company's loss, consisting of Thomas S. Cass, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Swan Caldwell and Joseph Robbins. They met at the office of Mr. Cass, in Pittsburg. Mr. Cass was then acting as president of the Ft. Wayne Railroad, and the matter was turned over to his clerk and subsequently to Andrew Carnegie, who was his assistant, and these three men raised the money and had the dams repaired and navigation resumed. In the winter of 1865-66 the ice was exceedingly heavy. The dams were then again badly damaged, and as part of the subscriptions were yet unpaid Mr. Robbins was required to make up quite a sum for the repairs already done. About June 1, 1866, without any apparent cause, the upper dam gave way and the result was that the lower dam was broken and the slack-water of the Youghiogheny river was gone forever. The washout in the dam was a break over twenty feet in width and came without warning, leaving the boats which were being loaded along the river at the coal tipples down on the bottom of the river, where they remained until broken up and destroyed by the floods of the succeeding year.

After this Mr. Robbins retired to the farm on which he afterwards lived, comprising about three hundred acres of land, which was taken up by his grandfather, Brintnel Robbins. In addition to farming Mr. Robbins was actively engaged in other enterprises, being at one time the general manager for Thomas Moore of his large mining and distilling interest. He was an organizer of the Metropolitan National Bank, at Pittsburg, and is still connected with its management. He took an active part in politics as a Republican, and served for many years as a school director and delegate at various conventions. He is an active supporter of the Presbyterian church. His business career was very successful, and his interests in coal and other matters were always extensive. A tract of coal which he owns has been mined by W. L. Scott, and is now being mined by the Pittsburg Coal Company. At the present time Mr. Robbins is hale and hearty, and takes an active part in business, politics and everything about him.

JOSEPH ROBBINS. The earliest known ancestor of the family of which Joseph Robbins, of North Irwin, is a representative was Brintnal Robbins, a native of Connecticut, and a soldier of the Revolution, his captain

being Samuel Robbins. His last year in the service saw him an ensign. Hezekiah Robbins, his son, lived at Robbins Station, on a farm, the town being named after him. He built a frame grist mill at Possum Hollow, near Guffey's Station, and operated it, also cultivating his farm, following these two occupations all his life. He built the United Presbyterian church at Circleville, now known as the Bethel church, and was made an elder in it.

Thomas W. Robbins, son of Hezekiah Robbins, was born July 12, 1812, at Robbins Station, and was a farmer all his life. For many years he served as justice of the peace, and in politics was first a Whig, but later a Republican. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church. He married, June 26, 1838, Sarah P., born February 7, 1811, daughter of James E. and Lydia (Painter) McGrew, of Sewickley township, and their children were: Lydia M., born April 11, 1839, died December 17, 1889; Joseph, mentioned hereafter; Mary E., born April 10, 1846, died June 17, 1847. Mr. Robbins died February 27, 1873. His widow survived him for a number of years, her death occurring January 21, 1892.

Joseph Robbins, son of Thomas W. and Sarah P. (McGrew) Robbins, was born August 10, 1841, on a farm near Coulterville, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. His education was such as the country schools give and was discontinued at the age of fifteen, when he went to work on the farm. August 14, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Captain A. L. Pearson and Colonel E. J. Allen commanding. He participated in the following battles: Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Aldie, Gettysburg, Wapping Heights, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania, North Anne River, Telopotomy, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Petersburg—assault, Petersburg—Jerusalem, Plank Road, Petersburg—mine explosion, Weldon Railroad and Peebles Farm. This brilliant record came to and end at Hatches Run, where he was wounded in the leg, February 6, 1865. For a week he was in a hospital at City Point, was then transferred to Baltimore for a month, and afterward for a month more to York, Pennsylvania. He left the hospital on a twenty-day furlough home, when this expired returned to York, and was honorably discharged June 2, 1865. He then returned to Westmoreland county, near Stewartsville, and in 1900 retired from active farming to North Irwin, where he purchased the property on which he now resides. He is now serving on the council and school board, and is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church, of which he has been an elder seven years. He married, March 26, 1874, Mary E., born April 18, 1857, daughter of William F. and Margaret (Taylor) Irwin, of Irwin, and their children were: 1. Kate Irwin, born February 13, 1875, died January 20, 1895. 2. Sarah Margaret, born December 15, 1877, is the wife of John Crookston, of North Irwin, and has one child, Robert Ray. 3. William Thomas, born April 25, 1881, married Margaret Piper, of North Irwin. 4. Martha Jane, born March 25, 1883. 5. John Irwin, born January 31, 1887. 6. James Edward, born May 3, 1890, died August 24, 1890. Mrs. Robbins, the mother of these children, expired May 26, 1891.

DR. W. W. JOHNSTON, engaged in the practice of medicine in Greensburg, was born in Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland county, October 7, 1852, a son of Elrod and Nancy (Alcorn) Johnston. At the time of his father's death, Elrod Johnston inherited the old family homestead

upon which he had been born and reared and on which he spent his remaining days and three of his brothers acquired adjoining farms. His home was the place of entertainment for the traveler and all who came his way, the household being noted for its unlimited hospitality. He followed farming throughout his entire life and was highly esteemed in the community as a reliable business man and worthy citizen. In politics he was a Republican and for many years held local office. He belonged to the Loyalhanna Baptist church, and died in that faith at the age of eighty-four years. He was twice married, his first wife being Nancy Alcorn, by whom he had six children: Anna, widow of S. A. Wiley, now living with Dr. Johnston; Carilla, wife of Walter Shoup of Loyalhanna township; William; Ira, on the old homestead; Elrod, of Greensburg; and Nancy, wife of O. J. Closson, of Greensburg. His second wife was Elizabeth Wiley and they had one son, Harry K., who resides on the old homestead with his brother Ira.

Dr. Johnston spent his boyhood and youth on his father's farm and in the acquirement of his education attended successively the common schools, Saltsburg Academy and the Indiana Normal school. In 1877 he entered upon the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. J. L. Crawford, of Saltsburg, and in the fall of 1878 matriculated in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, of New York, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1881. He then located for practice in Saltsburg, where for ten years he enjoyed a good patronage and then pursued a post graduate course in New York city, subsequent to which time he has practiced in Greensburg, with a patronage that is indicative of the public confidence in his skill and ability. He belongs to the Westmoreland County Medical Society and politically is a Republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. He was married, in 1881, to Mary Ralston, of Congruity, Pennsylvania, and they had one child, Lloyd M. Mrs. Johnston died in 1888 and in 1891 Dr. Johnston married Mollie Lloyd, of Delmont, Westmoreland county. They have two children, Nancy E. and Ira Ralph.

JAMES S. MOORHEAD, of Greensburg, is the son of James and Jane Elizabeth (Sharpe) Moorhead, of Indiana, Pennsylvania. His ancestors were among the first settlers of the present county of Indiana, his great-grandfather having been captured by the Indians about 1760, and taken to Quebec, where he was exchanged for French prisoners captured by English soldiers and colonists. His maternal ancestors were related to the Sharpes in the Cumberland valley of Pennsylvania.

James S. Moorhead was born November 5, 1847, and was educated at Elder's Ridge Academy, and at Washington and Jefferson College, from which last institution he was graduated in 1868. He read law with the firm of Steward & Clark, of Indiana, Pennsylvania. Mr. Clark was his cousin and afterward became a justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. He was admitted to the bar in Indiana in 1870, and on June 7 of the same year was admitted to the Westmoreland bar and has since been steadily engaged in the practice of the law. Like most thorough lawyers, he has never turned aside from his chosen profession to seek political preferment, unless it be once in 1895 when he was a candidate on the Democratic state ticket for judge of the superior court of Pennsylvania. Even this place was in the line of his profession, and whilst he was defeated, the state going strongly Republican that year, his friends had the consolation of knowing that had he been elected he would have brought to the bench a mind eminently qualified for that high position. He has, however, served as a school director for twelve years, and the high

standing of the Greensburg schools is in no small measure due to the interest he manifested in this line of work. He is a lawyer equally strong either before a court or jury, or in giving the counsel essential to the conduct of large business enterprises. He has tried a number of homicide cases, but his work has principally been in the more lucrative practice in the civil courts below and the supreme court of Pennsylvania. Particularly has he tried many cases in the new branch of litigation which has come before the courts of the state in the last twenty years growing out of the oil and gas and coal industries.

In the case of the Westmoreland and Cambria Natural Gas Company vs. DeWitt, et al. (130 Pa. State 235), Mr. Moorhead's contention that a lease for the purpose of drilling for oil or gas is in the nature of an easement with respect to the surface for the purpose of entry, examination and drilling operations and that the real subject of possession by the lessee is the oil or gas obtained in the land, was denied by the lower court, but was sustained by the supreme court of Pennsylvania. Of equal or possibly of greater importance from a judicial point of view are the cases of Milligan vs. Dick, 107 Pa. State 259; Gumbert's Appeal, 110 Pa. State 496; Cunningham's Estate, 106 Pa. State 536; ruling cases, in all of which Mr. Moorhead was the leading counsel, which may be examined by the student or practicing lawyer to advantage. Many others may be cited, but we deem these sufficient for this brief review. His address in memory of the late Chief Justice Mercur (Pa. State Rep. 116, p. XXV) is an illustration of his style of English.

Whether his language be spoken or written, whether it be in the form of a public address or an argument before a court or a jury, it is always characterized by a finish which is far superior to that of the average lawyer. In every forum he advocates his cause with the honesty of a philosopher, the precision of a scholar, and with a dignity becoming the announcement of a judicial mandate. There are probably members of the bar in our large cities who surpass him in the lines to which they have devoted their special attention, but we doubt whether, in the varied attainments of an all-around practitioner, he has a superior either on the bench or in the bar of Pennsylvania. Mr. Moorhead, aside from his professional work, has found more time than most lawyers to read history, poetry and the higher grade of fiction. It is not infrequent that his addresses are adorned by classic references evoked from the ideal world by the genius of a poet or the novelist. He is yet in the vigor of his manhood and we trust has many years of useful work before him.

CHARLES H. FOGG, one of the most prominent and successful civil and mining engineers in Greensburg, is a representative of an old and honored family which settled in America in the seventeenth century. The founder of the family was Samuel Fogg, who came from Exeter, England, in 1630, and settled in Hampton, New Hampshire. James Fogg, a descendant of Samuel Fogg, and the great-grandfather of Charles H. Fogg, was born in Scarboro, Maine, in 1771. James Fogg, son of James Fogg, was born in Saco, Maine, May 10, 1799. He married Elizabeth Bradbury, and had children, among them being a son, James H. Fogg, born in Saco, Maine, June 10, 1835. He is a prosperous man of business, dealing in stock and lumber. He married Lydia A. Haley, daughter of Mark Haley, and among their children was Charles H., of whom later.

Charles H. Fogg, son of James H. and Lydia A. (Haley) Fogg, was born in Biddeford, Maine, February 7, 1861. He had the advantage of a most ex-

cellent education, attending the University of Maine, where he was graduated as a civil engineer in June, 1881. He came to Greensburg in September, 1882, having accepted a position as assistant civil engineer in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and held this position for several years. He then formed a business partnership with W. W. Jamison, under the firm name of Jamison & Fogg, in general civil and mining engineering. This partnership was dissolved in 1903, and Mr. Fogg continued in the same branch of business alone, and worked up a very lucrative business. Later he associated himself with Morris L. Painter, and they are doing business under the style of Painter & Fogg. Mr. Fogg is very enterprising, energetic, and possessed of great determination. He is very systematic and accurate in his work, and has the reputation of being one of the most reliable men in his profession. He married, December 27, 1887, Rebecca Barclay, daughter of Thomas J. Barclay, and they have six children: Hester B., James Henry, Sarah B., Joseph B., Rebecca B., Lydia Ann.

REV. PHILIP KRETZ, pastor of the Most Holy Sacrament church, at Greensburg, was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1857, son of Wendelin and Mary (Volz) Kretz. When twelve years of age he entered St. Vincent's College, in Westmoreland county, where he acquired his education, and on July 15, 1880, was ordained to the priesthood. In October of the same year he was sent to Rome to study the higher branches of theology, and upon his return was made a member of the faculty in St. Vincent's College, where for five years thereafter he taught theology. He was given, in 1889, a charge at St. Mary's church, in Elk county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for five or six years. He was then sent to a mission in the Alleghanies, having charge of St. Boniface and St. Lawrence congregations. He was sent to Baltimore in 1895, where he had charge of Fourteen Holy Martyrs church, and in September, 1899, he was transferred to Greensburg to take charge of the Most Holy Sacrament church. This was the first Catholic property west of the Alleghanies, having been purchased by the church in 1789. After coming to Greensburg, Father Kretz saw the necessity of having a more commodious school building, and in July, 1904, the erection of the present structure, one of the most substantial buildings of Greensburg, was began and was ready for occupancy March 1, 1905. The building is supplied with all modern ventilating appliances and the various modern improvements found in the schools of the present and is a handsome and substantial structure. Father Kretz died August, 1905.

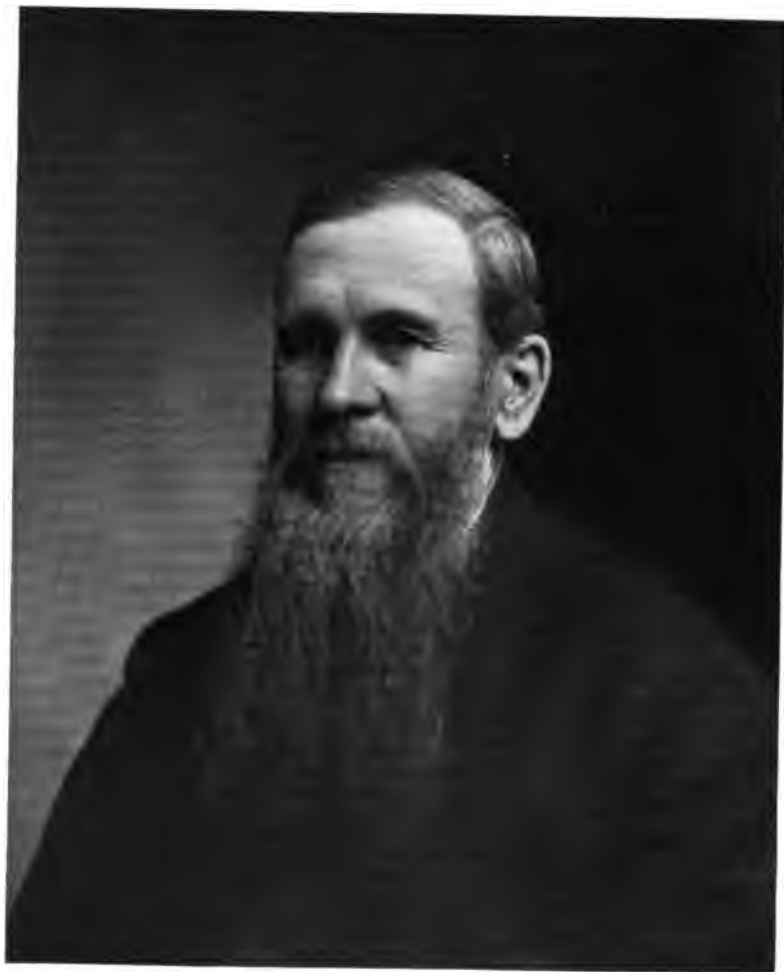
ALBERT CHARLES SNIVELY, an attorney of Greensburg, was born in Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1869.

(I) John Snively, the great-grandfather, came from Germany to Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1780, when but a mere boy. His parents were of the Lutheran faith. He died in 1806. He married Amy Wilkinson and they had three sons: John, Abraham, Hugh. The last two removed to Pittsburg and Ohio, respectively.

(II) John Snively, the eldest son of John (I), was the grandfather of Albert Charles Snively. He was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, 1803, and came to Mount Pleasant township in 1807. He, too, was a Lutheran: he had a fair common school education. The date of his death was 1888. He married Catherine Fausold, born in Cumberland, Maryland, 1800, and came to Westmoreland county in 1818. They were married in 1824. She died in 1877. Of the ten children born to her only two now survive.







*D.A. Mowry*

(III) Hiram Snively, the father of Albert Charles, was born in Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1834. He possessed a good common school education; is a Democrat, and has held many township offices. He was assessor five terms and tax collector twice. During the dark days of the Civil war period, he was rejected from service on account of his physical disability. He married Mary Ann Chorpenning, September 16, 1858. She was the daughter of David and Hester (Benford) Chorpenning. Her father was born in Somerset county in 1799 and died in 1868. Her mother was also a native of Somerset county, born 1807 and died 1867.

(IV) Albert Charles Snively was educated in the public schools of Mount Pleasant township, the Mount Pleasant Institute and Greensburg Seminary. He began teaching in the public schools of Westmoreland county in 1888, following it for eight terms. He studied law with Albert H. Bell and G. Dallas Albert. He was admitted to the bar of Westmoreland county, January 26, 1896, and has practiced his chosen profession ever since. He is a supporter of the Democratic party, has been tax collector, and is at present school director in Irwin borough; treasurer of the Irwin Realty Company, and secretary of the Sunset Distilling Company. In church connections he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Mason-town (Pennsylvania) Lodge, No. 459; K. of P. Lodge, No. 415, Irwin; B. P. O. E. Lodge, No. 486, Jeannette. For three years he was a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, in Company I, serving in 1894-95-96. He married, July 28, 1903, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Nettie A. Christner, of Mount Pleasant. Mrs. Snively was educated in the public schools and at the Normal. Her parents are Rev. A. Dickey and Samantha (Pyle) Christner. To Mr. and Mrs. Snively have been born one child, Albert Christner, born February 17, 1905, at Irwin, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL A. MOWRY is the oldest representative of the fourth generation of the Mowry family in Derry township, Westmoreland county. The family is of Swiss lineage and was established in America by the great-great-grandfather, who emigrated from Switzerland and settled in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, about the time of the outbreak of the Revolutionary war. His son, Michael Mowry, removed from Dauphin to Westmoreland county, and acquired a large tract of land in Derry township, from the heirs of Major Wilson. This tract has in subsequent years been divided and subdivided and now a portion is in possession of Daniel A. Mowry. The original homestead is now owned by ex-Governor John Latta, of Greensburg. Michael Mowry and his wife died at the age of seventy-two years. Their two children, Conrad and Catherine, were born in Dauphin county.

Conrad Mowry was reared upon the home farm in Derry township, learned the weaver's trade and followed that vocation during the active years of his life. He continued to reside, however, upon a portion of the old Mowry homestead, which had come to him as his patrimony. He and his wife Matilda lived to the age of seventy-two years, it being a coincidence that the paternal grandparents and great-grandparents all died at the same age. Conrad and Matilda Mowry also had two children: John and Nancy, the latter the wife of Michael Shehan.

John Mowry, born at the ancestral home in Derry township, December 24, 1809, learned the cooper's trade in early life and followed that pursuit until about 1856, when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Com-

pany and was thus engaged until his retirement from active business life. He, too, made his home upon the farm where he was born and reared. He held membership in the Lutheran church, in which members of the family have been active workers for more than a century, many of them holding office in the church. The political faith of the family has ever been in accord with Democratic principles, and John Mowry also followed in the path of his ancestors in this particular. He died December 18, 1883. In early manhood he married Mary A. Crusan, who was of Scotch descent, the emigrant ancestor having come to Westmoreland county more than a hundred years ago. John and Mary A. Mowry had nine children, of whom three are living: Daniel A.; Michael Y., of Derry township; and Nancy R., the wife of Samuel A. Wareham, of the borough of Derry.

Daniel A. Mowry was born in Derry township, Westmoreland county, June 13, 1847, was reared upon the home farm and educated in school No. 15, of his native township. From the age of ten years he was earning money in various ways and when seventeen years of age his name was on the pay roll of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, while at the age of nineteen years he entered upon an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade in the town of New Derry. When he had completed his term of indenture he opened a shop in Millwood, which he conducted nine years, doing a large amount of railroad work. In 1878 he re-entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the capacity of a blacksmith for car inspectors in the motive power department, and in 1888 he was placed in charge of the company's store at Derry Station, where he remained until his election to the office of county commissioner in 1902. He was six times a nominee for county offices, having been nominated five times for the position of prothonotary. While the Republicans normally have a very large majority, he was defeated on one occasion by only a hundred and fifty votes and he was elected to his present office by a very large majority, which is indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He has always been a staunch Democrat and an earnest worker for the growth and success of the party. He is now serving as secretary of the board of county commissioners. For thirty-two years he has been a member of the A. O. of U. W. and for more than thirty years of Lamont Lodge, No. 568, A. F. and A. M. He is a member of the Veteran Employers Association of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and has been a life long member of Trinity Lutheran church, at Derry, serving as a member of the church council and secretary of the board. Mr. Mowry was married June 14, 1869, to Margaret A. Akins, of Derry township, a daughter of Andrew Akins. They have become the parents of eleven children, of whom nine are living: Maud E., the wife of L. A. Loughner, of Penn township, Westmoreland county; Mary M., wife of W. P. Best, of Derry Station; Albert T., of Derry township, foreman in the machine shops at Conemaugh, Pa.; Andrew J., of Derry township, who is with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Daniel A., an engine preparer at Derry; Myrtle F., wife of L. S. Kelly, of Derry township; Charles C., Bertha L. and Charlotte J., at home.

AMOS B. KLINE. The Kline family has long been prominent in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. The first of the name to settle here was John Kline, a pioneer, who came from the eastern part of this state shortly after the Revolutionary war. He was a son of Peter Kline, a resident of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in the part which is now Lebanon county, but whether he was a native born or an emigrant from Germany is not known.

Peter Kline enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary war, was present at Valley Forge under the command of General Washington, and afterward was assigned to the commissary department and placed in charge of foraging parties. Shortly after the cessation of hostilities he married a Miss Mace, and for several years devoted his time and attention to farming. Accompanied by his wife and family, Mr. Kline migrated westward and located in the vicinity of Grapeville, the journey being made on horseback. He made frequent trips to Philadelphia to examine titles, as he was a conveyancer as well as a farmer. He never returned from his last trip to the city, and was never thereafter heard of by his family. Their children were: 1. John, settled in the vicinity of Adamsburg, but after his marriage to Nancy Buchman, of Hagerstown, Maryland, he purchased property in the Manor of Denmark where he thereafter resided. He reared a large family, among whom was a son John, of whom later. 2. William, also settled in the vicinity of Adamsburg. 3. George, deceased. 4. Samuel, went to the southwest and was never again heard from by his friends. 5. Polly, married Peter Kemmerer, and located in Illinois. 6. Catherine, married Daniel Kemmerer, and settled in Iowa.

John Kline, son of John and Nancy (Buchman) Kline, settled on the farm known under William Penn's patent as Landsdown, in the Denmark Manor district of Penn township. He was energetic, industrious and progressive. He was a prosperous farmer, and also owned and operated the Bouquet mills for several years. He married Elizabeth Knappenberger, daughter of John and Hannah Knappenberger, an old and early settled family in the Manor district. Their children were: Hezekiah J., died in McDonough county, Illinois, in 1869; Hannah, died in 1882; William J., A. M., M. D., a practicing physician of Greensburg since 1871; he was a member of the state legislature in 1877-8, and a member of the state board of medical examiners at a later date; Nicholas L., a dentist, now located at Scottdale. Mary Ann, married David L. Snyder; Henry, enlisted in the union army and died at Newbern, North Carolina, in 1863, aged twenty-one years; Lydia E., married Cyrus J. Snyder; Amos B., mentioned hereafter; Rev. Alpha K., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and now (1905) a minister in the Reformed church; Jacob, died in infancy. John Kline, father of these children, died in December, 1855, aged forty-six years. His wife, who was an energetic and intelligent woman, possessing rare tact, good judgment and christian virtues, died March 11, 1890, in the eighty-seventh year of her age.

Amos B. Kline, son of John and Elizabeth (Knappenberger) Kline, was born near the historic village of Bouquet, Penn township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1843. He received a liberal education in the common schools and academies of his native county. In September, 1862, he volunteered his services in defense of his country, becoming a member of Company C, Twenty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, which saw several weeks of service on the southern borders of the state. He served in the capacity of teacher in the public schools for several terms, discharging his duties in a highly creditable manner. During the years 1865 and 1866 he was superintendent of the Curlew and Highland Oil Companies, two organizations operating at Burning Springs, West Virginia. In order to further qualify himself for a business career he entered Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1867. He then embarked in the drug and grocery business at Irwin, but two years later disposed of the same and accepted a position as assistant superintendent and bookkeeper with John S. Love, of Pittsburg, who was then constructing the railroad from Hollidaysburg,

Blair county. In October, 1873, he became a partner with his brother, Dr. W. J. K. Kline, in the publication of the *Westmoreland Democrat and Republican*. They enlarged the paper, changed the name to the *Westmoreland Democrat*, and made it a live and important weekly, taking a leading part in politics and ably discussing the issues of the day. Mr. Kline took part in the editorial work, and was general manager until the fall of 1882, when they sold the paper. They then purchased a large coal field in the vicinity of Pleasant Unity, which they subsequently sold to William Thaw, of Pittsburg. They afterwards purchased three thousand acres of gas coal lands in Manor Valley, and were instrumental in the building of the Manor Valley railroad, and promoting the Manor Gas Coal Company, in which they held an interest until 1886, since which time Mr. Kline has been dealing in real estate in Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. During the year 1889 Mr. Kline and his brother, Dr. Kline, purchased several tracts of land and laid out West Wilmerding, an addition to Wilmerding, Allegheny county, on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad. Mr. Kline is an active member of the Reformed church, and during the years 1888 and 1889 contributed liberally of his time (serving as chairman of the building committee) and means in the erection of the new church edifice known as Denmark Manor Reformed church, which ranks among the most handsome country churches in western Pennsylvania. He is firm in his allegiance to the principles of the Democratic party. He married, September 17, 1889, Elizabeth B. Kays, daughter of D. L. Kays, of Pittsburg. Their children are: Elizabeth, Madeline and Arthur Burnadotte.

CHARLES F. EHALT, the genial and well known proprietor of Hotel Ehalt, at Greensburg, formerly known as the Station House, and Union Hotel, is a native of the town in which he now resides, born December 31, 1858, to Jacob and Lydia (Coshey) Ehalt, whose family consisted of seven children: Sybilla E., Mary E., Alice M., Annie E., Gertrude T., Jacob E., and Charles F. Jacob Ehalt (father) was born in Wurtemberg, Bavaria, July 8, 1821, and his wife, who was a daughter of Samuel Coshey, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. In 1851 Jacob Ehalt built the hotel known as the Station House, on the present site of the hotel conducted by his son Charles F., and during the years 1869-70 completely remodeled the same. Being a man of the strictest integrity and unimpeachable character, he was never refused a license by the court. He was a staunch Democrat, and a member of the Catholic church, as was also his wife. His death occurred October 8, 1885.

Charles F. Ehalt was educated in the public schools of Greensburg and St. Vincent College, at Latrobe, where he completed his studies at the age of sixteen. He succeeded his father in the hotel business, and in 1888 remodeled the structure and built an extensive addition thereto. Being brought up in this line of work he is thoroughly familiar with all the details of management, and therefore a large degree of success has attended his well directed efforts. He and his family reside in a private house adjoining the hotel, but entirely separate from it. Mr. Ehalt is a member of the Catholic church, and since attaining young manhood has cast his vote with the Democratic ticket. He has always taken an active part in local politics, and has served seven years as a member of the city council to the satisfaction of his constituents. He was one of the organizers, and is now a director in the Merchants' Trust Company, a well and favorably known banking institution of Greensburg. Mr. Ehalt married, October 2, 1888, Mary J. Ruffner, of Derry township, a daughter of James and Elizabeth

Ruffner. Their children are Helen R., born July 8, 1890; Edgar, October 15, 1891; Mary J., April 23, 1893; Jane F., October 27, 1894; Sybilla E., September 11, 1898; and Charles F., Jr., June 20, 1900.

WILLIAM DONALDSON, Burgess of South Greensburg, Westmoreland county, is a man who throughout his active career has exhibited clearness of perception and soundness of judgment, and has always enjoyed an enviable reputation for moral worth and integrity of character. He possesses true public spirit and uses his influence to enhance the best interests of the city, supporting all worthy enterprises. He was born in Brooks county, West Virginia, November 7, 1854, a son of William and Elizabeth F. (Charlton) Donaldson, who emigrated from New Castle on the Tyne, Northumberland county, England, in 1849, settling in East Elizabeth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade of miner.

William Donaldson acquired a good English education in the common schools, and after completing the same pursued a course of study at the Scranton Mining School. He became a practical miner, was thorough and conscientious in the performance of his duties, and his perseverance and integrity was crowned with the success merited by those who steadily pursue their way through life. He was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of Burgess of South Greensburg, in which capacity he is now serving. He is a member of Knights of Pythias, and Covenant Lodge, No. 259, of Penn Station, Westmoreland county. Mr. Donaldson married February 17, 1876, Mary Altman, born October 22, 1860, in Westmoreland city, a daughter of Eli and Margaret (Seigfriet) Altman. Their children are as follows: James E., born September 26, 1879, married Mary A. Lauffer, and resides in Greensburg; Mary E., born August 14, 1882, became the wife of Richard Mellon Murdock, and resides in South Greensburg; Henry C., born June 9, 1887; Priscilla J., born March 8, 1889; and Margaret S., born October 22, 1892.

AMOS K. HUTCHINSON. Greensburg possesses in Amos K. Hutchinson a public-spirited citizen. His paternal grandfather came from Ireland, while his grandfather on his mother's side was a native of Germany. He is a son of Joshua and Susan (King) Hutchinson, and was born September 30, 1858, in Greensburg, Pa.

Amos K. Hutchinson attended the common schools of Greensburg. At the age of thirteen he obtained employment on the Pennsylvania railroad, at the same time attending school during two winters. He continued to work for this railroad until he was within three months of his majority. In March, 1903, he was elected chief of police, and was re-elected in 1904-05-06, his administration of the duties of the office proving in the highest degree satisfactory to all concerned. He has also given evidence of his zeal in the public service by becoming a member of the volunteer fire department, No. 3. He belongs to the Eagles, No. 723, and Woodmen of the World, No. 18, of Westmoreland county. Mr. Hutchinson married, June 3, 1880, Elizabeth, daughter of George and Susan Rohrbacher, and their children were: Carrie S., John C., George E., Walter J., Samuel L., deceased; and Clarence M. Mr. Hutchinson and his children sustained a severe bereavement in the death of the wife and mother, who passed away November 14, 1902.

JOHN H. KING. The family of which John H. King, of Greensburg, is a representative, is one which has long been resident in this country. His great-grandfather was a native of the United States and was the

father of John King, who was born in Somerset county where he followed the calling of a farmer. His political influence was given to the Whigs, and he was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Noff, a Somerset county farmer of German descent, and they were the parents of a daughter and two sons, one of whom, David J., is mentioned hereafter. Mr. King died in 1839.

David J. King, son of John and Elizabeth (Noff) King, was born November 6, 1820, at Confluence, Somerset county, where he was educated in the subscription schools. At the age of eighteen he went to Westmoreland county and settled near Mount Pleasant. He devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, and was active as a citizen, filling the offices of tax collector, assessor and school director. Until 1863 he was a Republican, but in that year joined the Democratic party to which he adhered during the remainder of his life. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian church. He married Mary Ann Simpson whose great-grandfather, Thomas Simpson, came from Holland in 1736 and settled in Indianatown, Indiana county. About 1775 he moved to Westmoreland county, where, in 1780, he built a house near Mount Pleasant which is still standing and has always remained in the possession of the family. He served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, and his son, William Simpson, was the father of a daughter, Mary Ann, who was born in 1823, near Mount Pleasant, and became the wife of David J. King, as mentioned above. The family is closely related to that of General Ulysses S. Grant. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. David J. King: Rebecca, married David Music; William S.; John H., of whom later; David Blennett; Fannie, married Joseph W. Stoner; Theodore; Theophilus; Byron W.; Frank A.; and Maryetta. Mr. King died in Westmoreland county in 1893, and his wife, Mary A., died August 7, 1905, aged eighty-two years.

John H. King, son of David J. and Mary Ann (Simpson) King, was born December 29, 1849, in Mount Pleasant, where he received his preparatory education in the public schools, afterward entering Duff College, Pittsburg. On completing his education he devoted himself for four years to the profession of teaching, and then engaged in mercantile business at New Stanton. At the end of eight years he sold his store and became manager of a large flouring mill, a position which he retained for ten years, and was then forced to resign on account of his health. He moved to Greensburg where he has since been engaged in business as a general contractor. He was chosen in 1903, to fill the office of tax collector. He belongs to the R. A., and the K. M. His political views and principles are those of the Republican party, and he is a member of the German Reformed church. He married, in 1878, Lizzie M., born March 1, 1849, in West Overton, Westmoreland county, daughter of Frederick S. and Sally (Ingals) Hunker, and their children were: Harry Earl, born March 1, 1885; died March 9, 1885; and Charles F., born April 2, 1889.

ROMAYNE M. WALDRON, D. V. S. Few members of the veterinary profession are better known in western Pennsylvania than is Dr. Waldron, who is engaged in the practice of his profession in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, where he also conducts one of the largest sales and exchange stables in this portion of the state. Educated in all the principles and modern methods of his profession, he is enthusiastic in its practice and his services are valued highly, being in constant demand in Westmoreland and adjoining counties.

Dr. Waldron claims the fair Emerald Isle as the place of his nativity, having been born in county Roscommon, Ireland, August 7, 1859, and having there





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been reared to maturity, while he secured excellent educational advantages in the schools of his native county. He is a son of Michael and Catharine (Romayne) Waldron, who were likewise born and reared in Ireland, and who are now deceased, the father having been a farmer and stockman by vocation. In 1879, when nineteen years of age, Dr. Waldron came to America, and here he took up the study of the veterinary science, finally entering the celebrated Toronto Veterinary College, in the city of Toronto, Canada, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1887, receiving his degree of Doctor of Veterinary Surgery. He has made a thorough and systematic study of veterinary science. The sacrifice and suffering entailed upon the domestic animals which minister to our well-being and pleasure, on account of the ignorance prevailing as to their treatment, awakened in Dr. Waldron an overmastering desire to learn how to cure and alleviate their sufferings, and the result has been his successful and noteworthy career as an able and enthusiastic member of his profession, in which he has attained high prestige. Soon after his graduation Dr. Waldron located in Greensburg, and here he has built up a large and important business in the direct line of his profession, while in the connection he established an exchange stable, in which department of his business he has expanded the enterprise until it is one of the largest and most important in western Pennsylvania, the number of horses and mules handled averaging from one hundred to one hundred and fifty head per month, while through this source he supplies the greater amount of such stock utilized in the mines of this section of the state. Dr. Waldron is not the only representative of his family in the United States, as is evident when we note that his three brothers are well established in their respective lines of endeavor, as follows: Dr. Lewis P., is a successful physician and surgeon of Akron, Ohio; Thomas A. is a veterinary surgeon of Uniontown, Pennsylvania; and Michael is a prosperous farmer residing near Brownsville, Fayette county, this state. In politics Dr. Waldron gives an uncompromising allegiance to the Republican party, and he is one of the active workers in its local ranks, while he is essentially progressive and public-spirited as a citizen, though he has never sought the honors or emoluments of public office. He is a member of the Catholic church.

As a leading member of his profession in this locality Dr. Waldron is considered an authority and is frequently called in consultation over serious or complex cases, few ever passing through his skilled treatment without relief. He is a member of various professional organizations, is held in high esteem by his professional confreres, and is a frequent contributor to veterinary publications. He is well and favorably known in his home city, and is a reliable and progressive business man and loyal citizen. Dr. Waldron married, January 31, 1889, Elizabeth Lutz, born and reared in Westmoreland county, being a daughter of Dr. David Lutz, one of the representative dental surgeons of Fayette City, where he is still engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. and Mrs. Waldron have six children, namely: Louis David, Romayne M., Jr., Catherine A., Edith E., Josephine E., and Mary L.

**JOHN RICHEY HAYDEN.** Among the retired citizens of the borough of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, no man stands higher in the estimation of his life long neighbors than John R. Hayden, who descended through the following genealogy:

(I) Ebenezer Hayden, the grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish parentage. The family settled in New Jersey and came to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1774. Mr. Hayden was a man of exceptional qualifications. He

was born in New Jersey, and came to this county in 1774, locating on the Yough river, known as Budd's Ferry, where he conducted a ferry business for eighteen or twenty years. He built large boats for the conveyance of cattle across the river, as that became a leading point for the crossing of large droves of cattle en route to the eastern markets. In this he had many interesting experiences and narrow escapes. Often the entire load of cattle would be capsized in the river, and then the scramble for safety begun, Mr. Hayden often climbing upon the back of some wild steer and riding in safety to land. Mr. Hayden also followed the various vocations of shoemaking, blacksmithing and carpentering, and was recognized as a competent physician and surgeon, although never having taken a medical or surgical course. He was self-taught in this latter profession, and his practice extended over a wide territory of this and adjoining counties. He was a great reader, and deep thinker of more than average intellect. Politically he was a strong Democrat, and in religion was a member of the Baptist church. He married a Miss O'Brien, and their children were: John, William, of whom later, and a daughter who died in childhood. Mr. Hayden died at the age of eighty-nine years.

(II) William Hayden, son of Ebenezer Hayden (I), was born at Budds Ferry, in 1806, and died in 1892. The early part of his life was spent at brick making, but subsequently followed farming. He married, in 1839, Juliann Wiley, daughter of Sampson Wiley and wife. They were the parents of six children, all deceased now, but two—John Richey and Mrs. Jessee S. Wall. The names of the children in this family are: Agnes, Catherine, Brinton, John R., William, Hannah Jane. The mother was born in 1819 and died 1882. Among the important historic events, recounted with great pleasure by the family, and with which William Hayden participated, was the reception given to General Lafayette on his return visit in 1825. It was tendered him in Ros-traver township, this county, at the old Rohoboth Church. Mr. Hayden received a good common school education; was politically a stanch Democrat and a hearty supporter of Jackson, both in the campaign of 1828 and 1832. On the maternal side the grandfather, Sampson Wiley, came from Ireland in 1795 and married Anna McGrew. Their children were: William, Sampson, Joseph, James, Nathan, Mary, Elizabeth, Nancy, Juliann and Hannah.

(III) John R. Hayden, the fourth child of William and Juliann (Wiley) Hayden (2), born March 2, 1846, in Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, received his education both at the common and private schools of his native county. His active career was commenced as a farmer and brick manufacturer, but later he became a coal operator, which branch of business he followed from 1882 to 1892. During the last named year he was elected poor director of Westmoreland county and succeeded himself, holding the office five terms or ten years, which record has never been made in the county before. It was in 1903 that he removed to the fifth ward in the borough of Greensburg, where he erected one and purchased two good residences on Alexander street. The principal business with which he is connected at this time, is that of a large foundry at Hunkert, he being the president of the Greensburg Wheel and Supply Company. Mr. Hayden's life has been an exemplary one in all respects. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is advanced to the high degree of Knights Templarship. Politically he is a supporter of the Democratic party.

John R. Hayden married, in 1868, near Irwin, Pennsylvania, Sarah Jane Byerly, daughter of William Findlay and Margaret Ann (Bankard) Byerly.

The Byerlys are farmers. Mrs. Hayden was born November 22, 1846, and received a good education in the public school and also had the advantage of private instructions under Dr. Andrew Byerly, her uncle, who at present is professor of Latin and Greek, and vice-principal of the Millersville (Pennsylvania) State Normal school. Her father was an elder in the Presbyterian church for fifty years in succession; he died in 1904. His wife, the companion of a long married life, died October, 1901, and they were buried in Union cemetery at Irwin, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden are the parents of children: 1. Frank W., born October 11, 1869, married Ella Weddell, and they have two daughters—Mildred and Gertrude. 2. Harry E., born March 31, 1872, died August 5, 1897. 3. William Findlay, born July 14, 1874, married, October 21, 1899, at Irwin, Pennsylvania, Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Martin; they have one daughter, Elizabeth Jane, born October 18, 1900. 4. John B., born January 5, 1877, married in 1898 Lydia Baer, and they have a son, Clarence Hayden; 5. Cyrus H., and 6. Margaret B. (twins) born 1881. Cyrus H. married, in 1900, Mary Wingert, and they have one daughter, Louisa. Margaret married, in 1900, William K. Mayers, and they are the parents of three children living: Margaurite, John Kirk and William Russell. One child died in infancy.

GEORGE W. GOOD, a representative business man of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, well known as a contractor and promoter, is a descendant by both paternal and maternal lines from pioneer stock of this section of the "Keystone" state. He traces his descent on both sides to both German and Swiss ancestors.

George W. Good, son of Henry Good, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1849, received his education there, and lived in Harrison City, until 1873, when he removed with his family to Greensburg, same county. Here he was engaged in the musical instrument business until 1880, when he removed with his family to Altoona, Pennsylvania, and continued this business for a time. About 1886 he returned to Greensburg and engaged in the general contracting business, in which he made a remarkably successful record. His first contract of importance was the construction of the Greensburg, Jeannette and Pittsburg trolley line, and was one of the promoters and builders of the Greensburg and Southern trolley line. He also executed large contracts for street paving in Greensburg, and many others of a public or semi-public nature. Among the important buildings in the city which he erected are the following: The court house, in 1891, which he erected in the remarkably short time of forty-seven days; John W. Pollin's store building; St. Clair Opera House; Star brewery; parochial school; Westmoreland Grocery Company's building, and many others. He was always ready to promote anything that promised for the welfare and improvement of the city, and allowed no opportunity to pass to further its interests. He was a man of sound business judgment and keen discernment, and had won the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He was a member and deacon of the Reformed church. He was also a member of the following organizations: Greensburg Lodge, No. 518, F. and A. M.; Urania Chapter, No. 192; Kedron Commandery, No. 18, K. T. He died January 6, 1905, regretted by a large circle of friends. He was one of the leading business men of Greensburg, and commanded unalloyed confidence and regard in his native county. He married Maria Lenhart, a native of Westmoreland county, daughter of Michael Lenhart, whose ancestors were among the early settlers in Westmoreland county, and had three children: Minnie, married Curtis H. Greeg, an attorney of

Greensburg; Lavinia, wife of P. W. Hudson, secretary of the Opera House Company, Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Frank, of whom later.

Frank Good, only son of George W. and Maria (Lenhart) Good, was born in Harrison City, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1872. Almost his entire life hitherto has been spent in Greensburg. It was there he received his early education in the public schools, later entering the high school and graduating as a member of the class of 1889. He then entered the Westmoreland and Jefferson College, where he remained as a student for two years, but did not complete the entire course. Withdrawing from this institution he returned to Greensburg, where he commenced the practical study of law under the preceptorship and in the office of Curtis H. Greeg, one of the leading members of the bar in Westmoreland county, and continued these studies under this able tuition and guidance until he was eligible for admission to the bar, which occurred in April, 1895. Since that time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Greensburg, though other interests demand a good portion of his time and attention. He became associated in business with his father under the firm name of Good & Company. He is at the present time (1906) president of the St. Clair Opera House Company, a very flourishing institution. His political proclivities are Democratic, and he is a member of the Reformed church. He is associated fraternally with the following organizations: Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, A. F. and A. M.; Urania Chapter, No. 192, R. A. M.; Kedron Commandery, No. 16, K. T.; Lodge No. 511, B. P. O. E. Mr. Good married, October 16, 1902, Viola Frantz, of New Rochelle, New York, daughter of Jacob F. Frantz, president of the Twentieth-Century Dental Company, a large concern in the city of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Good have two children: Gertrude, born January 1, 1904; George, June 15, 1905.

JOHN F. MITINGER. Among the old and honored families of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, noted for their honor and integrity of character, may be mentioned the Mitinger family, descendants of a German ancestry.

Samuel Mitinger, father of John F. Mitinger, and founder of the Westmoreland county branch of the family, was born in one of the New England states, where he was reared and educated. During young manhood he came to Pennsylvania and located in East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, near the present city of Greensburg, where he identified himself with agricultural pursuits, which he continued until his decease, which occurred in the year 1867. He was one of the prominent farmers and dairymen of the county, and was the pioneer in the establishment of a milk route with wagon delivery in the city of Greensburg. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and at the time of his demise was an advocate of the principles of the Republican party. He married Catherine Poorman, who bore him seven children, five of whom are living at the present time (1905): William Leonard, whose personal sketch follows this in the work; James McConaughy, of Greensburg; Charles Austin, a resident of Wilkinsburg, a suburb of the city of Pittsburgh; Lizzie, at home; and Dr. Joseph Edwin, whose personal sketch follows that of William Leonard. At the death of Samuel Mitinger his widow was left with a family of seven small children, for whom she provided to the best of her ability, and as the sons approached years of maturity they proved themselves worthy of the devotion of their mother, being energetic, willing to work and ready to assist her in every possible way. Mrs. Mitinger died June 29, 1894.



*J. M. F. Whitney*





John F. Mitinger, son of Samuel and Catherine (Poorman) Mitinger, was born in South Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1851. He resided on the farm until the age of sixteen years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Greensburg, in which city the remainder of his life was spent. He obtained a fair education in the common schools of his native county, but owing to the death of his father the practical duties and responsibilities were early placed upon his shoulders. His first employment after locating in Greensburg was that of driving a work team, but shortly afterwards he secured a position as messenger in the local office of the Adams Express Company. Later he became a clerk in the restaurant and ice cream business of Joseph Taylor, with whom he remained until 1879, when he engaged in business on his own account in the building now occupied by the Singer Sewing Machine Company, in East Pittsburg street, where he continued operations for a number of years and where he laid the foundation for the comfortable fortune which he acquired during his active career. In 1886 he purchased what is now known as the Mitinger Block, in South Main street, remodeling the building when the growth of his business demanded increased facilities, and there continuing to conduct a general baking and confectionery business until his death, his establishment being the leading one in that line in the city. He controlled a large wholesale and retail trade, special attention being given to the manufacture of candies and ice cream. The enterprise is still carried forward by his brothers, who are classed among the prominent business men of the community.

Mr. Mitinger identified himself with various civic and business interests of importance, and was essentially public-spirited and progressive in his attitude as a citizen and business man. He was a stockholder and director in the Westmoreland National Bank and treasurer of the Greensburg Building and Loan Association. He early became a member of the Greensburg fire department, in which he always evinced a deep interest. He was a valued member of the Pennsylvania Firemen's Association, of which he was president in 1900, and he previously served as president of the Western Pennsylvania Firemen's Association, in which about thirty counties are represented. He was chief of the Greensburg fire department at the time of his death, having been the incumbent for three terms. Honest, straightforward and endowed with marked executive ability, Mr. Mitinger amassed a handsome competency, his estate at the time of his decease, August 1, 1904, being conservatively estimated at a valuation of one hundred thousand dollars. A very considerable portion of this was devised to various institutions, and his bequests were the largest in this line ever made by any citizen of Greensburg. He remembered the church with which he was connected, the Greensburg Hospital, the Children's Aid Society, the Greensburg hose companies, as well as many relatives and intimate friends. His name was a synonym of honor and his loss was deeply felt in the business and social life of the city, with whose interests he had been so long and prominently connected.

**WILLIAM LEONARD MITINGER**, son of Samuel and Catherine (Poorman) Mitinger, was born in East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1854, and is now numbered among the business men of Greensburg.

He was a lad of about thirteen years at the time of his father's death, and from thenceforth was compelled largely to provide for his own maintenance and to depend upon his own resources. He was enabled to avail himself of the advantages of the public schools of his native township, and after completing his

studies became a clerk in the shoe store of Theodore F. Anshutz, of Greensburg, and later became an apprentice in the foundry of the Fisher and Hawkly Company, at Greensburg, where he learned the trade of iron moulding, which, however, he never followed as an occupation after completing his apprenticeship. He accepted a clerkship in the Derry office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and after a short period of time became a locomotive fireman in the employ of the same company. In this capacity he served five years, at the expiration of which he was promoted to the responsible position of engineer, in which he continued for fourteen and half years, becoming one of the trusted and popular engineers of the Pennsylvania system. He then accepted a position as engineer for a firm of railroad contractors, after which he secured a clerkship in the office of the county recorder of Westmoreland county, a position which he continued to hold for three years. Thereafter he was employed as salesman in the store of his older brother, John F. Mitinger, whose sketch precedes this, with whom he remained until 1903, when he was appointed secretary to Senator Cyrus E. Woods, chairman of judiciary (general committee) of the state senate, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, remaining the incumbent of this office for one term. Upon his return to Greensburg he re-entered the employ of his brother, with whom he remained until the death of the latter, when he assumed charge of the business in association with his younger brother, Dr. Joseph Edwin Mitinger, whose sketch follows this, and they have continued the same most successfully up to the present time. William L. Mitinger has practically the entire active management of the business, and is ably upholding the high reputation attained by the concern. In 1900 Mr. Mitinger served as census enumerator in Greensburg, and has also held other positions of trust and responsibility. He is an effective worker in the interests of the Republican party. Mr. Mitinger married, July 16, 1885, Elsie A. Slack, daughter of David and Elizabeth Slack, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and of the four children of this union only one is living, Elizabeth Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Mitinger are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church of their home city.

JOSEPH EDWIN MITINGER, D. D. S., son of Samuel and Catherine (Poorman) Mitinger, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1863, and is now one of the representative members of the dental profession in Westmoreland county, and engaged in the successful practice of the same in the city of Greensburg.

He acquired his early educational advantages in the public schools and seminary of Greensburg. After leaving school he secured a position in the scale or weighing office of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Huff Station, being employed as weighing clerk, in which capacity he had charge of the weighing of all coke handled at this point by the company. After following this line of work for a period of almost six years, he matriculated in the Pennsylvania College of Dentistry, in the city of Philadelphia, where he completed the prescribed course, graduating as a member of the class of 1892 and receiving his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He at once opened an office in Greensburg, where he has since been actively engaged in the work of his profession. During the passing years his practice has increased in volume and importance, and his offices are fully equipped with every modern and practical device for both operative and laboratory work. In politics Dr. Mitinger gives an unqualified allegiance to the Republican party. He is actively identified with the Masonic order, and is a prominent member of the Greensburg Driving Club, of which he





*Israel Painter*

is secretary. He takes a keen and active interest in athletic sports. Dr. Mitinger married, April 11, 1895, Mary Clarke Bray, born in Rockaway, New Jersey, a daughter of John W. and Caroline Z. Bray. Their children are: Edward, born October 31, 1898; and Robert, born May 17, 1902.

**LEONARD KECK.** Both by birth and lineage Leonard Keck, of Greensburg, is a German. Adam Keck was a native of Wurtemberg and there followed the calling of a farmer. His son, Christian Keck, was born in the same place and devoted himself likewise to agricultural pursuits. In his latter years he emigrated to the United States, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a regular attendant and strict member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. In 1832 he married Rosa, daughter of Andrew Schwartz, and of their ten children six are now living, among them Leonard, mentioned hereafter. Christian Keck died October 9, 1881.

Leonard Keck, youngest son of Christian and Rosa (Schwartz) Keck, was born April 12, 1849, in Wurtemberg, and was reared on a farm, receiving his education in private schools. He learned the trade of a linen weaver, which he followed for two years. At the age of seventeen he resolved to seek his fortune in the United States, and in company with his brother Frederick embarked on a westward bound vessel which landed them in New York city, June 28, 1866. Failing to secure any remunerative employment in that city he proceeded to western Pennsylvania, where he dug coal and worked at whatever else offered for the space of three months. In 1869 he moved to Greensburg, where he became a clerk in the store of Donohoe & Brother, to whom his services were peculiarly acceptable on account of his ability to speak the German language, many of their customers being natives of the Fatherland. He remained with the firm eleven years, and in 1880 opened a store on Main street, where his space was not one-half as large as any one of the three departments of his present extensive establishment. This initial effort was made about the time when Greensburg began to give promise in regard to her future importance as an industrial and commercial centre of western Pennsylvania, and for over twenty years Mr. Keck successfully conducted his Main street store, never interesting himself in politics or engaging in speculations, but giving his whole time and attention to his business. He soon acquired a patronage and an increase of trade calling for a far larger space and stock of goods than he then owned. To meet this demand he enlarged his present site on South Main street, near the court house, where his establishment is divided into three commodious departments, each of which is under the charge of an experienced manager. His sales yearly are in the neighborhood of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and he numbers among his patrons the leading families of the town and county. Mr. Keck married, October 23, 1872, Lydia A., daughter of George Hons, of New Stanton, and their children are: Joseph Edward, born June 30, 1874; Charles Warden, born June 26, 1876; Annie Marie, born August 29, 1885; Helen Winifred, born January 3, 1888; Leonard B., born October 11, 1890; George E., born October 22, 1893; Richard Allen, born February 11, 1895; and John Adam, born March 21, 1897.

**COLONEL ISRAEL PAINTER** was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1810. He was of German descent on both his father's and mother's side. Jacob Painter, his grandfather, after marriage emigrated from Mecklenburg, Germany, and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania. Here six children were born: Jacob, Michael, John and

Tobias. One daughter was married to George Myers, and the other was married to Christopher Harrold. Jacob Painter and his wife died and were buried in Berks county. Jacob Painter, their eldest son, married a daughter of a Mr. Rapiere, who lived in Indiana county, and settled on a farm in Hempfield township, situated on the Big Sewickley creek, eight miles south of Greensburg, which was known for many years as the "Judge Painter place." By his first wife he had children: Betsey, Rebecca, Catharine, Tobias, George, Elias. His first wife died, and was buried at Harrold's Church. He married (second) Catharine, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Mueller) Lobingier. By her he had ten children: Polly, John, Jacob, Christopher, George, Joseph, Benjamin, Susan, Israel and Sophia. Jacob Painter always lived on the farm on which he first settled. He built on the place a stone grist mill which he carried on in connection with his farming. He was an energetic, active business man, a member of the legislature for several terms, justice of the peace for many years, and was the Whig candidate for congress against William Findley, in which contest he came within seventeen votes of being elected. He held the position of associate judge at the time of his death. He was a man of commanding presence, being about six feet in height, heavy set, and weighing about two hundred and twenty pounds. In personal appearance his son, Colonel Israel Painter, is said to have resembled him. He died at the age of fifty-nine, and was buried at Harrold Church. His widow, Catharine, survived him about thirty years, lived with her sons, Christopher and Israel, at the "Willow-tree Farm," where she died, aged eighty-four, and was buried at Markle cemetery. His daughter Betsey was wife of General Joseph Markle, and mother of General C. P. Markle, of "Millgrove."

Christopher Lobingier, grandfather of Catharine Lobinger, the second wife of Judge Jacob Painter, came from Mecklenberg, Germany, and settled in Dauphin county. He was married before leaving Germany. Little is known of him except that he was a farmer, and that both he and his wife died, and are buried in Dauphin county. They had one son, Christopher, who married (1766) Elizabeth Mueller, by whom he had eight children: John, Christopher, Catharine, Barbara, Mary, Elizabeth, Susan and George. His wife died at Stoystown, Somerset county, September 15, 1815, aged seventy-one years. He settled in Mount Pleasant township in 1772, was a member of the Pennsylvania constitutional convention of 1776, and of the house of representatives from 1791 to 1793. He died July 4, 1798, and was buried at the Presbyterian meeting house near Pleasant Unity.

Israel Painter lived at home until he was seventeen years of age. He then taught the district school two terms, and was employed as clerk at Mount Pleasant in his brother Christopher's store one year. He then attended several terms at Jefferson College, Canonsburg. In company with a Mr. Newmyer in 1830, he purchased his brother's store in Mount Pleasant and carried it on one year. He next built the "Mastodon" Salt Works, subsequently became interested in the "Fountain" and "Mammoth" salt works and was the owner of them all at the time of his death. In company with Daniel Waltz, he put down a salt well in Monongah county, West Virginia, and established salt works there, an enterprise requiring no small amount of pluck and energy, on account of the transportation through an almost unbroken wilderness of everything required in its construction and operation. He was interested in these works from 1832 to 1835. He became at an early date an extensive dealer in live stock—horses, cattle, hogs and sheep. His operations in this line of trade took a wide range, extending through

the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia, and during the Civil war his dealings with the government in cattle, horses and mules were on a large scale. Though not of the same political faith, he enjoyed the acquaintance and confidence of President Lincoln, a relation which was of great service to him in his operations with the government. Through his brother Christopher he became at one time largely interested in the cotton trade, making a number of trips to New Orleans in that interest. His operations in real estate were carried on upon the most extended scale. These embraced the purchase and sale of over one hundred farms in Westmorland county alone, while he also operated largely in lands in Fayette, Indiana, and other Western Pennsylvania counties. At the time of his death he was the owner of thirty-two farms. He operated largely in oil and oil lands. From 1865 to the time of his death Colonel Painter gave much attention to coal and coal lands. He was the first to introduce coal into the eastern market, western Pennsylvania, eastern manufacturers of gas using up to that time an imported coal as a gas coal for that purpose. In company with John George, Jr., Colonel Lewis McFarland and others, he purchased large tracts of coal lands on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad in North Huntingdon township, selling the coal to the Penn Gas-Coal Company and Westmoreland Coal Company. In company with General Herman Haught, John Derbyshire, H. N. Burroughs, S. B. and C. P. Markle, he bought and sold many hundreds of acres of coal lands in Sewickley township. He built seventy-four coking ovens in Bullskin township, Fayette county in 1873, and carried them on till 1879. He owned one hundred and seventy acres of coking coal lands near Mount Pleasant at the time of his death. He was interested in contracts for the construction of sections of the Pennsylvania railroad, of the Northwest Pennsylvania railroad, also of the Pittsburg and Erie and Connellsville railroads. He was a stockholder in the Mount Pleasant and Robbstown turnpike, also in the Youghiogheny Navigation Company. He was prime mover in the building of the Southwest Pennsylvania railroad, also the Mount Pleasant and Broad Ford railroad, and a director in both, as also in the Pittsburg and Connellsville railroad. He was associated with Governor John W. Geary in contesting the will of Stephen Girard, in behalf of the heirs of the latter against the city of Philadelphia. He represented his district in the house of representatives from 1846 to 1848; was canal commissioner from 1849 to 1852; was a delegate to the Democratic national convention the party. He was at one time a candidate for his party for nomination to con- at Charlestown, South Carolina, identifying himself with the Douglas wing of gress, but was defeated in the convention by Hon. Henry D. Foster. His death was the result of an accident. By a fall a glass bottle was crushed in his hand, by which the latter was so cut and lacerated he survived the effect of it only ten days. He died July 4, 1880. It has fallen to the lot of but few men to be more prominent in business affairs than Colonel Israel Painter. His energy and will seemed inexhaustible. He was constantly on the alert. With him to think was to act. Difficulties and obstacles which would have overwhelmed and swamped most men only inspired in him renewed exertions. All his enterprises were conducted on a large scale. To figure in a small way with him was an impossibility. In his disposition he was wholesouled and genial, consequently few men commanded a wider or warmer circle of friends.

JAMES E. GILLAND, proprietor of one of the leading business establishments of Greensburg, was born in Franklintown, York county, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1861, a son of James and Mary Jane (McDonald) Gilland,

who had seven other children, as follows: Mary Etta, Lizzie, William, Cora, Charles, George, and Anna, deceased. James Gilland (father) was born east of the Alleghany Mountains in Pennsylvania, and later settled in Clarion county, same state, where he purchased a farm, cultivated and improved the same and resided thereon for the remainder of his life.

James E. Gilland received a practical education in the common schools of Canada, Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and at the early age of twelve years left school in order to learn the trade of painter, which he has followed throughout his active career. At the present time (1905) he is the proprietor of a store located on West Otterman street, Greensburg, which is well stocked with all kinds of paints, brushes and oils, and he also contracts for the painting of houses, both inside and out. He is genial and pleasant in manner, attends promptly to the wants and wishes of his patrons, and therefore well merits the large patronage accorded him. His political views coincide with those of the Democratic party, to which organization he has given his allegiance since attaining his majority. Mr. Gilland married, July 2, 1885, Anna Horner, born in Berlin, Germany, June 31, 1866, a daughter of Henry and Amelia Horner, and their children are: Walter M., a painter by trade, employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; George R., a barber by trade, employed in Pitcairn; Charles, Lena E., Margaret, Clarence, Mary, James, and Victor.

MARTIN NELSON McGEARY is a representative member of the bar of Westmoreland county, and is of the fourth generation of his family in this attractive division of the Keystone commonwealth, where his ancestors settled in the eighteenth century, while the name has ever since been honorably linked with the industrial and civic history of the county. Mr. McGeary was born on the homestead farm in Allegheny township, this county, September 10, 1860, and is a son of John E. and Sarah Jane (McLaughlin) McGeary, both of whom were born and reared in the same township, where they still maintain their home, the father having devoted his active career to agricultural pursuits and being one of the prominent and influential farmers of the county, where he has ever commanded the unequivocal confidence and esteem of his fellowmen. He is a Republican in his political proclivities, and both he and his wife have long been members of the United Presbyterian church. Of their seven children six are living, the subject of this review having been the eldest in order of birth. John E. McGeary is a son of James and Margaret (Elliott) McGeary, the former of whom was born in Allegheny township, this county, in 1801, while the latter was born near the city of Pittsburg.

Martin N. McGeary was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm, and after completing the curriculum of the public schools entered the Pennsylvania State College, at State College, where he remained as a student for three years. Upon leaving school he began reading law in the office of the well known firm of Marchand & Gaithers, of Greensburg, and he devoted himself with all earnestness and appreciative effort to his technical study until he realized his ambition, being admitted to the bar of his native county April 17, 1887. Since that time he has pressed steadily forward to the mark of his calling, has gained recognition as one of the well equipped lawyers of the county, and has built up an excellent practice of representative character. He is known as a strong and spirited trial lawyer and ever gives careful preparation to every cause which he presents before court or jury, while in counsel he is discriminating and conservative. In politics Mr. McGeary is found staunchly arrayed as a supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and in a fraternal way







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identified with Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, A. F. A. M. Lodge, No. 511, B. P. O. E. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. McGeary married, July 31, 1901, Agnes H. \_\_\_\_\_ of Fairfield township, this county, daughter of John B. \_\_\_\_\_, a farmer of whom is one of the representative farmers of the county. He was formerly a successful school teacher.

FRANK R. ZAHNISER, D. D. S. Dentistry in its modern sense represents both a science and a mechanic art, and he who would be successful in the practice must be equipped both through natural proclivities and through diligent and discriminating preliminary training. Among the leading dentists in the profession in the city of Greensburg is numbered Dr. Zahniser, who has worked the operative and laboratory department of his profession with skill and order and who has naturally succeeded in building up a profitable and representative order, his finely equipped offices being located in the \_\_\_\_\_ building, at 130 North Main street.

Dr. Frank Robinson Zahniser is a native of the Keystone state, having been born in Mercer, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1865, and is the son of N. J. and Elizabeth (Hurst) Zahniser, the former a resident of the county at the time of the latter's decease. Both parents were natives of Pennsylvania, the former representative of old and honored families of this commonwealth, while the latter of the agnatic line is traced back to staunch German origin. The father, N. J. Zahniser was for many years engaged in the lumber business, but he would be turning his attention to the real estate business in Pittsburg. Of the five children of the family Dr. Zahniser was the second in order of birth, while at present only three are living at the time of this writing.

Dr. Zahniser secured his rudimentary educational discipline in the public schools of his native county, where he continued his studies until he had attained the age of fourteen years, after which he entered Mount Pleasant Academy at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, where he remained as a student for three years. In 1888 he matriculated in the Pennsylvania Dental College, in the city of Philadelphia, where he completed the prescribed technical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1889, simultaneously receiving his well earned degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery and coming forth a admirably well equipped for the work of his chosen profession. That this statement is unequivocal needs no farther voucher than the success which has been his in his chosen field of endeavor, for through his devotion to his profession and his ability in the same he has built up a lucrative practice and attained to no uncertain precedence in the connection. He opened an office in Greensburg shortly after his graduation and here has ever since continued in active practice. He is a member of Western Pennsylvania Dental Society. Dr. Zahniser married, February 15, 1893, Jeanette Suydam, a daughter of J. L. and Mary E. Suydam, of Greensburg, where she was reared and educated. Dr. and Mrs. Zahniser have two daughters, Elizabeth and Eleanor. He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian church.

LLOYD BURRELL HUFF. One of the representative young business men of Westmoreland county is Lloyd Burrell Huff, the oldest son of Hon. George L. and Henrietta Burrell Huff, of Greensburg, and grandson of the Hon. Jeremiah Murray Burrell, president judge of the tenth judicial district of Pennsylvania, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

He was born in Greensburg on the eighth day of December, 1871, was edu-



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is identified with Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, A. F. A. M.; and Greensburg Lodge, No. 511, B. P. O. E. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. McGeary married, July 31, 1901, Agnes Huston, born and reared in Fairfield township, this county, daughter of John B. and Elizabeth Huston, the former of whom is one of the representative farmers of that locality, while he was formerly a successful school teacher.

FRANK R. ZAHNISER, D. D. S. Dentistry in its modern form represents both a science and a mechanic art, and he who would be successful in its practice must be equipped both through natural predilection and most careful and discriminating preliminary training. Among the leading members of the profession in the city of Greensburg is numbered Dr. Zahniser, whose skill in both the operative and laboratory department of his profession is of the highest order and who has naturally succeeded in building up a profitable practice of representative order, his finely equipped offices being located in the Welty building, at 130 North Main street.

Dr. Frank Robinson Zahniser is a native of the Keystone state, having been born in Mercer, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1865, and being a son of M. J. and Elizabeth (Hurst) Zahniser, the former a resident of Pittsburg, and the latter deceased. Both parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and representative of old and honored families of this commonwealth, while the genealogy in the agnatic line is traced back to stanch German origin. The father of Dr. Zahniser was for many years engaged in the lumber business, but is now devoting his attention to the real estate business in Pittsburg. Of the five children in the family Dr. Zahniser was the second in order of birth, while of the number three are living at the time of this writing.

Dr. Zahniser secured his rudimentary educational discipline in the public schools of his native county, where he continued his studies until he had attained the age of fourteen years, after which he entered Mount Pleasant Academy, at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, where he remained as a student for three years. In 1888 he matriculated in the Pennsylvania Dental College, in the city of Philadelphia, where he completed the prescribed technical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1889, simultaneously receiving his well earned degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery and coming forth admirably well equipped for the work of his chosen profession. That this statement is unequivocal needs no farther voucher than the success which has been his in his chosen field of endeavor, for through his devotion to his profession and his ability in the same he has built up a lucrative practice and attained to no uncertain precedence in the connection. He opened an office in Greensburg shortly after his graduation and here has ever since continued in active practice. He is a member of Western Pennsylvania Dental Society. Dr. Zahniser married, February 15, 1893, Jeanette Suydam, a daughter of J. L. and Mary E. Suydam, of Greensburg, where she was reared and educated. Dr. and Mrs. Zahniser have two daughters, Elizabeth and Eleanor. He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian church.

LLOYD BURRELL HUFF. One of the representative young business men of Westmoreland county is Lloyd Burrell Huff, the oldest son of Hon. George F. and Henrietta Burrell Huff, of Greensburg, and grandson of the Hon. Jeremiah Murray Burrell, president judge of the tenth judicial district of Pennsylvania, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

He was born in Greensburg on the eighth day of December, 1871, was edu-

cated in the public schools, after which he entered Trinity Hall, a well equipped preparatory institution at Washington, Pennsylvania. In 1889 he matriculated in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York. In 1891 he left college to enter the coal and coke business with his father, taking charge of development work on a large coal and timber property near South Fork, in the Allegheny Mountains; in 1893 he returned to Greensburg and became treasurer and manager of all the important mining properties in that section. When the Keystone Coal & Coke Company, one of the largest coal and coke producers in Pennsylvania, was organized he became treasurer and general manager, his father, Hon. George F. Huff, being the president. Mr. Huff has gained prestige in other fields as an able and progressive young business man, well fitted for handling affairs of scope and importance, being president of the Pittsburg, McKeesport & Greensburg Railway Company, a director of the First National Bank of Greensburg and other like enterprises; also identified with both state and national horticultural and improvement associations. In his political proclivities Mr. Huff is a staunch Republican, for some years a member of the state central committee, and a loyal and efficient worker in his party. In 1895 he was appointed to the military staff of Governor Daniel H. Hastings with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he was promoted to assistant commissary general of the national guard of Pennsylvania, and was one of the first to be called into service by the governor. He received orders to assist in the commissary arrangements necessary to put the Pennsylvania soldiers into the field, which work was accomplished with commendable ability. He married, June 21, 1897, Eleanor Warren Moorhead, the second daughter of Hon. James S. Moorhead, one of the most prominent and leading members of the Westmoreland county bar. Mr. and Mrs. Huff have two children, Eleanor Moorhead and Elizabeth.

(For the genealogy of the Huff Family see sketch of Hon. George F. Huff.)

**JAMES LAWRENCE KENNEDY, LL. M.** Among the native sons of Westmoreland county who have here attained to success and worthy prestige in connection with the practice of law is Mr. Kennedy, who is one of the representative younger members of the bar of the county, being established in the practice of his profession in the city of Greensburg. He has worked his way to the front through earnest and well directed endeavor, and in his course has held no obstacle as insuperable, so that his advancement has been consecutive and well defined.

James Lawrence Kennedy was born at Penn's Station, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1866, and is a son of Denis and Ellen (Keefe) Kennedy, both of whom were born in Ireland. The father immigrated from the Emerald Isle to America in 1849, and here began his active career as a day laborer, while he eventually accumulated a good property through his faithful efforts and provident methods, while his intrinsic integrity gained and retained to him the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. He died August 3, 1905. His widow resides in Penn Station. Both he and his wife were communicants of the Catholic church. They became the parents of five sons and two daughters, of whom James L. is the fifth in order of birth.

James L. Kennedy secured his early education in the public schools of the borough of Penn, and later continued his studies in the high school at Greensburg, while he early formulated plans for his future career, determining to adopt the profession of law. After careful preliminary reading under able preceptors he entered the law department of Catholic University of America in the





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city of Washington, D. C., where he completed the prescribed course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1896, in March, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws, while in June, 1896, his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Laws, after he had taken special post-graduate work. He studied economics under Charles P. Neill and Carroll D. Wright, while other instructors were men of distinction in their assigned departments. As private legal preceptors Mr. Kennedy was favored in having Messrs. Vincent E. Williams and William A. Griffith, prominent members of the Westmoreland county bar, and he was duly admitted to the bar of his native county in 1892, at which time he was incumbent of the office of court stenographer. This position he continued to retain until 1896, in which year he began the active practice of his profession, opening an office in Greensburg, where he has since maintained his headquarters and where he has proved significantly successful in the various departments of his professional work, having a clientage of distinctively representative character. Though he has never been ambitious for public office Mr. Kennedy is a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, in whose local ranks he has been more or less active in the various campaigns. He clings to his ancestral faith and is a communicant of the Catholic church, while in a fraternal way he is affiliated with the K. C. and the B. P. O. E. He is held in high regard in the professional and business circles of his home city and is well entitled to this recognition as one of the able and popular members of the bar of Westmoreland county.

EDWARD BARRY KENLY, a Union veteran of the civil war, book-keeper for the last eighteen years for Struble & Walthour, proprietors of the large Ludwick planing mill and lumber yard, also justice of the peace for sixth ward, Greensburg, formerly Ludwick borough, now serving his third term, was born near Harvey's Five Points, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1845.

His great-grandfather, William Kenly, a native of Hartford county, Maryland, who later removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, became very wealthy through investments in real estate. During the war of the revolution, by a colonial appointment, he assisted in raising funds to defray the expenses of the Continental army. In the archives of the revolutionary war are found notes, or scrip issued as Continental money bearing his signature. He was a brother-in-law of General Josiah Harmar, a resident of Philadelphia, of revolutionary war fame, and subsequently commander-in-chief of the United States army, and personally in command of troops defending settlements in the northwest territory. William Kenly was the father of one child, Dr. Charles Jenkins Kenly.

Dr. Charles Jenkins Kenly was for many years a practicing physician of Philadelphia. He left that city and came to Bell township, Westmoreland county, where he invested quite largely in real estate, and being wealthy lived a retired life. Ten years after his removal to Bell township he died, June 23, 1828, from injuries received from being thrown from a horse, and his remains were interred in the churchyard at Murraysville, Pennsylvania. He married Theresa Barry, born in Philadelphia, 1784, and died in Greensburg, 1863. Dr. and Mrs. Kenly were the parents of five children—three daughters and two sons—who grew to manhood and womanhood.

Richard Barry Kenly, one of the above named family, was born in Bell township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1821. About the time of his majority he engaged in the drug business in Greensburg, but shortly afterward left the drug trade and operated a general merchandise store for

several years at Weavers Old Stand. After disposing of his store he purchased the Kern farm, which was situated one mile southeast of Greensburg; in 1855 he sold this farm to Robert Lowry. On April 1, 1856, Mr. Kenly removed to Ludwick, established a grocery and provision store, and at the same time opened the first retail lumber-yard in Westmoreland county, in which business he was engaged at the time of his death, March 9, 1886. In May, 1843, he married Lucinda C. Turney, a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Singer) Turney, of Greensburg, and sister of Hon. Jacob Turney, Jr., member of congress for two terms from the Westmoreland, Fayette and Greene district. Mrs. Kenly was born September 15, 1819, died June 13, 1895. She was a noble woman, fond mother, a devout Christian, and a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Kenly had eleven children: Edward B., Margaret T., Lucy C., Nannie S., wife of Robert Hughan, of Parnassus, Pennsylvania; Carrie L., wife of William Orr; and Charles Harmar, a rural delivery mail carrier. Five children died from one to seven years of age. Richard B. Kenly, the father of the above named family, was a conscientious Christian; an ardent temperance man and christian worker; an elder in the Presbyterian church; a public-spirited citizen, always alert and working to the best interests of the town; a school director for seven terms; a justice of the peace for five years, and frequently a member of the borough council. He assisted in the laying out of the borough of Ludwick, and was appointed by the court to give notice of the first municipal election, June 6, 1859.

Edward Barry Kenly, eldest of the children of Richard B. and Lucinda (Turney) Kenly, was reared at the county seat, attended the public schools in the winter and select schools in the summer. Early in 1861 he graduated from Iron City College, and was taking a special course in civil engineering at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, when the Civil war broke out, he being then sixteen years of age. He left his books and enlisted in the Federal Guards of Allegheny City under Captain J. C. Hull (who was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness, May, 1864,) which company was mustered into the United States service, July 4, 1861, as Company "A," Sixty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Samuel Black, who was killed at Gaines' Mill, Virginia, June 26, 1862. Before embarking for Fortress Monroe, in March, 1862, Mr. Kenly was detailed as clerk at headquarters of General Silas Casey, who commanded the Second Division of the Fourth Army Corps during the Peninsular Campaign, famous for its malaria, muddy marches and hard fought battles, and was retained in the same position by Major-General John J. Peck, who succeeded General Casey in command of the division after the Battle of Fair Oaks or Seven Pines, and was with General Peck during all of his services in Virginia and North Carolina. In April, 1864, after the battle of Plymouth, North Carolina, General Peck was transferred to the Department of New York city, and Mr. Kenly was directed to report to E. M. Stanton, secretary of war. Upon his arrival in Washington, D. C., he was assigned to duty as a clerk in room No. 54, war department, containing all the reports, returns and papers belonging or relating to the volunteers from the states of Ohio and Michigan, where he served until July 27, 1864, when he was honorably discharged on account of the expiration of his three years' term of enlistment. Adjutant-General Thomas offered him a civil appointment, but he refused it in order to return home and continue his studies at school. Several weeks after his return, whilst on a visit to the surviving members of his old company in Allegheny City, Captain J. W. Kirker, provost marshal of the Twenty-third congressional district of Pennsylvania, with headquarters in that city, prevailed upon him to

accept a clerkship in his office, where he remained until it was discontinued several months after the war had ended. Mr. Kenly then went into the oil business in Western Virginia, continuing for about one year, after which he entered Dartmouth College, but on account of sickness and the severity of climate in New Hampshire he returned home before graduating. The two following years he read law with his uncle, Hon. Jacob Turney, but the profession of law not suiting him, he assisted his father in the lumber business, and since the death of the latter has continued along the same line. In politics he was an active Democrat until President Cleveland's second term, when on account of well known differences he joined in the rush and stampede of thousands of tariff-protection and Union-soldier Democrats to the Republican party. He is a member of the U. V. L., G. A. R., and K. and L. of H. Mr. Kenly married, January 30, 1890, Eleanor L. Crock, daughter of Emanuel and Mary (Thomas) Crock. They have two sons: Edward B., born January 25, 1901; and William C. W., born February 19, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Kenly are members of the Second Reformed Church of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

**WILLIAM WESLEY ULERICH**, present county superintendent of public schools for Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, has served in such educational capacity for the past twelve years, during which time he has succeeded in raising high the standard of the public schools. He was born in Ligonier Valley, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1860, the son of John Nicholas and Mary Ann (Caylor) Ulerich.

The grandfather, Samuel Ulerich, was the first member of this family to locate in Westmoreland county. He came from Germany about 1808, settling in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. He was a tanner by trade. From family records it appears that he took little part in either politics or religious work, but was an industrious, faithful citizen of his adopted country. His wife was Mary Elizabeth McDowell, of whose family history but little is known. Their children were: Julia Ann, Joseph, John Nicholas, and William.

John Nicholas Ulerich (father) was born in Ligonier township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and his wife, Mary Ann Caylor, in Unity township, same county. The former was born in 1834, and the latter in 1833. They followed farming for a livelihood. John Nicholas had a good common school education. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics was a Republican. For many years he served his district as school director. The mother was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Caylor. Her father was a justice of the peace in Unity township for many years.

William Wesley Ulerich, son of John N. and Ann (Caylor) Ulerich, was educated in the public schools of his native county, the Ligonier Classical Institute, and the Indiana State Normal, from which institution he graduated in 1884. He followed farm labor until seventeen years of age, and then began to teach school, and has ever since been connected with educational institutions. He continued to teach until 1884 in rural schools, but in the summer of that year was elected to the assistant principalship of the Irwin public schools. He served in that capacity one year, and was then chosen as principal of the schools at Latrobe, where he remained eight years. In 1893 he was elected county superintendent of public schools for Westmoreland county, and has served twelve years and is still in office by reason of his efficiency. Politically Mr. Ulerich has always supported the Republican party. He is an active member of the Latrobe Methodist Episcopal church, and is a member of the board of trustees of that society; is also chairman of the missionary and music com-

mittees. He has been the Sunday school superintendent for the past sixteen years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity; I. O. O. F., and the I. O. H. Mr. Ulerich was one of the founders of the Ridgeview Chautauqua, serving on its executive committees for six years. He was also a member of the Ridgeview Park, and trustee of the committee for six years. His has been an active life. His efforts to build up good schools and advance the interests of his chosen church have been crowned with unusual success. Mr. Ulerich married, December 9, 1896, Nora B. Walter, at Markleton, Pennsylvania. She possessed a good public school education. She died February 28, 1903. Her parents were William and Mary Walter. Her father taught school and later became a merchant. Mr. Ulerich married (second), August 17, 1905, Anna Susan Keener, daughter of Henry F. Keener, a minister of the German Reformed church, and his wife, Julia Elizabeth. Henry F. Keener is deceased, and his wife lives in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Anna Susan Keener was educated at the Indianan State Normal; and at the Oswego State Normal, Oswego, New York. She is a teacher by profession, principal of the third ward primary school at Latrobe. She is a member of the Methodist church and superintendent of the primary department of the Sabbath school connected therewith.

HON. HENRY S. ACKERMAN, one of the leading and substantial business men of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and ex-member of the Pennsylvania house of representatives, was born April 9, 1845, in Unity township, Westmoreland county, a son of Henry and Catherine (Smith) Ackerman. The progenitor of the Ackerman family in America was Philip Ackerman, the grandfather of Henry S., a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country, settling in Unity township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He married Christina Reed and had a son Henry.

Henry Ackerman, son of Philip and Christina (Reed) Ackerman, and father of Henry S. Ackerman, was born on his father's farm, February 2, 1801. He followed agricultural pursuits, owned an excellent farm, achieved the most gratifying success in this line, and was held in high esteem by his neighbors. Politically he was a life-long Democrat, and while taking a lively interest in the affairs of that organization never aspired to public office. He cast his first presidential ballot for General Jackson, and served one term as school director. In matters of religion Mr. Ackerman was a member of the Lutheran church at Youngstown, and frequently served as local officer. In 1828 Mr. Ackerman married Catherine Smith, a daughter of Joseph Smith, of Derry township. They had nine children, one of whom was Henry S., mentioned hereafter. The death of Henry Ackerman occurred April 5, 1885, and his demise was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends.

Henry S. Ackerman obtained his early education in the common schools of Unity township. After leaving school he engaged for some years in agricultural pursuits, and later learned the trade of carpenter, which occupation he followed with considerable success for nine years. In 1879 he opened a music store in Greensburg, opposite the Zimmerman House. He carries a full line of fine organs and other first-class musical instruments, and has established an extensive and profitable trade in Westmoreland, Fayette and Indiana counties, and has several men constantly in the field canvassing. In addition to musical instruments he also handles the White sewing machine. Mr. Ackerman is a man of keen business ability, and this with his unflagging energy and tenacity of purpose is a prominent factor of his signal success in business. Politically





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He is a strong defender of the principles advanced by the Democrats, and has labored earnestly and untiringly for its success. He has been elected by the Democrats of Westmoreland county as a candidate for the legislature, and was elected. During his term in the legislature he was a diligent and efficient officer, and his conduct receiving the highest commendation of his party. In matters of religion he accords with the Presbyterian church. Henry S. Ackerman married Jane Weaver, daughter of William Weaver, of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

LEMUEL OFFUTT, M. D., one of Greenfield's prominent physicians and practitioners, was born May 8, 1851, on a farm between Greenfield and Sea Mills, Montgomery county, Maryland. The Offutt family came from Scotland through the following line of ancestry:

I. William Offutt, settled in Prince George county, Maryland, in 1734. He married Mary Brock, by whom was born a son, and a son named William.

II. William Offutt, son of William and Mary (Brock) Offutt, born in Scotland, in 1737. He married Jane Joyce, and after her death married Dr. James Doull. Among the children of William and Jane was one named William.

III. William Offutt, son of William and Jane (Joyce) Offutt, born in Montgomery county, Maryland, February 14, 1720, died in 1730. He married Elizabeth Magruder, born November 8, 1730. Among their children was a son James.

IV. James Offutt, son of William and Elizabeth (Magruder) Offutt, was born April 23, 1753. He became the grandfather of Dr. Lemuel Offutt. Offutt's paternal great-grandfather with his two brothers emigrated from Scotland early in the eighteenth century and located in Maryland, engaged in farming.

V. James Offutt, son of James Offutt, a farmer by occupation, was born near Great Falls, Maryland, October 3, 1803. He married Mary White, of Olney, Maryland, March 17, 1849. She was the daughter of Samuel White, whose ancestors came from England. Among the children of James and Mary (White) Offutt was Dr. Lemuel Offutt, born May 8, 1851.

On the genealogical line of Dr. Offutt's great-grandmother Elizabeth Magruder, born November 8, 1730, the ancestors trace back to 1635 in Scotland, when Alexander Magruder married Lady Margaret Devenand, daughter of "Loaird of Avernehill, Clan Campbell." Alexander Magruder was born in 1560, in Scotland. His son Alexander, an officer under Charles II, emigrated to Calvert county, Maryland, in 1652, and died in 1677. His son Samuel married Sarah Beall, born 1669, died 1734. He died in Prince George county, Maryland, in 1711. He was a member of the Maryland house of burgesses—1701-1707. He held civic and military positions, and was a vestryman of St. Paul's Parish. This line of ancestry then runs through Ninian to his son Samuel, who married Margaret Jackson, who died in 1801. Samuel was born in Montgomery county, Maryland, in 1708; died 1786. Elizabeth, their daughter, born November 8, 1730, became the great-grandmother of Dr. Offutt by marrying William Offutt, as above mentioned.

VI. Dr. Lemuel Offutt, son of James and Mary (White) Offutt, was reared to farm labor and attended public and parochial schools, finishing his studies in Andrew Small Academy. He then taught school three years and



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he is a strong defender of the principles advanced by the Democratic party, and works earnestly and untiringly for its success. In 1880 he was nominated by the Democrats of Westmoreland county as a candidate for the legislature and was elected. During his term in the legislature he acquitted his duties with efficiency and credit, his conduct receiving the highest commendation at the hands of his party. In matters of religion he accords with the doctrines of the Lutheran church. Henry S. Ackerman married, January 15, 1880, Mollie C. Weaver, daughter of William Weaver, of Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

LEMUEL OFFUTT, M. D., one of Greensburg's successful medical practitioners, was born May 8, 1851, on a farm between Darnestown and Seneca Mills, Montgomery county, Maryland. The Offutt family are descended from Scotland through the following line of ancestry:

I. William Offutt, settled in Prince George county, Maryland, where he died in 1734. He married Mary Brock, by whom was born children including a son named William.

II. William Offutt, son of William and Mary (Brock) Offutt, died in Maryland, in 1737. He married Jane Joyce, and after his death she married Dr. James Doull. Among the children of William and Jane (Joyce) Offutt was one named William.

III. William Offutt, son of William and Jane (Joyce) Offutt, was born in Montgomery county, Maryland, February 14, 1729, died in 1786. In 1750 he married Elizabeth Magruder, born November 8, 1730. Among their children was a son James.

IV. James Offutt, son of William and Elizabeth (Magruder) Offutt, was born April 23, 1753. He became the grandfather of Dr. Lemuel Offutt. James Offutt's paternal great-grandfather with his two brothers emigrated from Scotland early in the eighteenth century and located in Maryland, engaging in farming.

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On the genealogical line of Dr. Offutt's great-grandmother (Elizabeth Magruder, born November 8, 1730) the ancestors trace back to 1605, in Scotland, when Alexander Magruder married Lady Margaret Deummond, daughter of "Loaird of Avernchiell, Clan Campbell." Alexander Magruder was born in 1569, in Scotland. His son Alexander, an officer under Charles II, emigrated to Calvert county, Maryland, in 1652, and died in 1677. His son Samuel married Sarah Beall, born 1669, died 1734. He died in Prince George county, Maryland, in 1711. He was a member of the Maryland house of burgesses—1701-1707. He held civic and military positions, and was a vestryman of St. Paul's Parish. This line of ancestry then runs through Ninian to his son Samuel, who married Margaret Jackson, who died in 1801. Samuel was born in Montgomery county, Maryland, in 1708; died 1786. Elizabeth, their daughter, born November 8, 1730, became the great-grandmother of Dr. Offutt by marrying William Offutt, as above mentioned.

VI. Dr. Lemuel Offutt, son of James and Mary (White) Offutt, was reared to farm labor and attended public and parochial schools, finishing his studies in Andrew Small Academy. He then taught school three years and

read medicine under the tutorage of Dr. C. H. Nourse, of Darnestown, Maryland, entering the medical department of the Maryland University, from which he graduated in 1876, having been a resident student in the Maryland Infirmary eighteen months. He located at Penn Station, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1876, and there practiced his chosen profession until December, 1883, when he moved to Greensburg, where he is still an honorable and highly successful physician. In politics Dr. Offutt has ever adhered to the time-honored principles of the Democratic party, but has never sought or held public office. Not unlike so many generations of his sturdy Scotch forefathers, he, too, is identified with the Presbyterian church. He is also connected with numerous beneficiary societies. In stating that Dr. Offutt is a self-made man the term is used in the true sense. By a defaulting county treasurer in Maryland his father lost his property and died when Lemuel was a small lad, hence he was early thrown upon his own resources, which were but a good sound body and a determination to gain for himself a place among men. Dr. Offutt has been twice married. In January, 1877, he married Sarah E. Dukes, of Baltimore, Maryland. She died in December, 1900. They had eight children: James H., a contractor; Mary E., wife of I. C. Ruffner; Lemuel, died in childhood; Sarah D.; Susan R.; William G., died in infancy; Courtney C., died in infancy, and Rose E. Offutt. For his second wife Dr. Offutt married, June, 1904, Leola R. Edwards, daughter of Rev. Charles Edwards, of Alliance, Ohio.

**DANIEL REAMER ULERY.** Among the trusty employes of the Pennsylvania railroad system residing at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, is Daniel R. Ulery, born May 14, 1869, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

(I) Henry Ulery (grandfather) came from Germany, his native country, and settled in Unity township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Here he married Hannah Hugus, and they became the parents of Sophia, who married Henry Seaman, and they reared a large family. Augustus, born 1843, on the old homestead, of whom later. Fanny, married and lives in Venango county, Pennsylvania. Herman, married Sadie Blair, of Westmoreland county. Henry Ulery was by occupation a farmer.

(II) Augustus Ulery (father), born in 1843, has been a railroader nearly all his life. He now resides at Donahoe, a few miles out of Greensburg. He has been division foreman on the Pennsylvania railroad many years. He married Elizabeth Jane Topper, whose brother and sisters were: Wilson J., Lovinia, Louisa, deceased; and Samuel. Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Ulery had children: Daniel Reamer, born May 14, 1869, and Louis Marshal, born July 22, 1871. The last named is still single and remains at home. Politically the father is a Republican, and was reared in the Reformed church.

III. Daniel R. Ulery obtained his education at the common and high schools of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Upon leaving school he had an ambition to achieve something in life by his own efforts, and at once entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, first as a water-boy. Proving faithful to this trust he received promotion to the agency at George Station, in 1884, and remained at his duties for seven years at that point. He was made agent at Donahoe, July 1, 1891, where he mastered telegraphy and remained to October 1, 1895. He has served in the telegraph service since 1895, and now has charge of the southwest junction, "the tower," at Greensburg. Mr. Ulery married, July 2, 1901, Anna Elizabeth Borlin, daughter of Albert and Elizabeth (Steiner) Borlin, of Hempfield township. Mrs.

Ulery's father ran a livery and also a restaurant at one time in the borough of Greensburg. He served in the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Regiment of Volunteers from Westmoreland county, being in service from 1861 to 1865, receiving an honorable discharge. He was born in Salem township April 24, 1843, married Elizabeth Steiner, June 25, 1868; she was born in West Newton, October 2, 1848. To Mr. Ulery and wife was born one child, Emily Elizabeth, June 29, 1903. In 1902 Mr. Ulery purchased a comfortable residence property at No. 355 East Pittsburg street, Greensburg, not far distant from the "Tower," where he is employed as telegrapher. His wife is a member of the Lutheran church, which they both attend. He is a member of Philanthropy Lodge, No. 225, A. F. and A. M., of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; M. W. A., No. 10,950; Branch No. 2 of the Grand Fraternity; and Pittsburg Division of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, No. 52. He also carries a protective policy in the Sun Life Insurance Company of Canada.

**FREEMAN C. GAY.** The death of Freeman C. Gay, October 11, 1900, removed from the town of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, one of its leading and substantial business men. He was born in Donegal township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1838, a son of William B. and Martha (Spear) Gay, and grandson of Peter and Elizabeth (Hayes) Gay.

Peter Gay (grandfather) was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. He started with his father and two brothers, William and Joseph, to emigrate to Indiana county, but in their westward journey, when they reached the Ligonier valley, Mr. Gay admired the country so much that he remained there and engaged in merchandising and stock dealing. He was a prosperous, business man, of broad and liberal views, and was one of the founders of the Lutheran church of Donegal and a supporter in all religious causes, although he was not a member of any church. He was a good scholar and an accurate surveyor. He was an old line Whig and served as justice of the peace for thirty-five years. By his marriage to Elizabeth Hayes, daughter of Lewis Hayes, an early settler of the county, five children were born, two sons and three daughters, all of whom married and settled in their native county.

William B. Gay (father) was born September 3, 1815. He followed throughout his active career the quiet but useful calling of agriculture, from which he derived a goodly livelihood. He served his township as justice of the peace for fifteen years, fulfilling his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. In his political belief he was a Jeffersonian Democrat. He married, in March, 1835, Martha Spear, a daughter of William Spear, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gay died April 4, 1864; he was survived many years by his wife, who died January 7, 1883.

Freeman C. Gay, son of William B. and Martha (Spear) Gay, acquired a liberal education in the common schools, Stahlstown Normal school and Sewickley Academy. The first years of his active life were spent on the farm, and in 1865 he engaged in merchandising, continuing the same until 1873. He entered into partnership with Edward H. Bair in 1884, and they were engaged in a very successful business up to the time of Mr. Gay's death. The firm represented the German-American, Liberty, Niagara, Orient, Girard, Union, German Travelers, and Home Insurance Companies of the United States. The North-British, Lancashire and London, and Lancashire Companies of Europe, and the Fidelity Plate Glass Company. At the age

of twenty-three years Mr. Gay enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, was appointed corporal, and in 1862 promoted to second lieutenant. He participated in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged until the first day's fight at Gettysburg, where he was wounded and taken prisoner by the Confederates. He was one of the one hundred and nine men who escaped through the rose tunnel, and likewise was among those unfortunates who were recaptured. After twenty months in various southern prisons, where he suffered untold agony in mind and body, he was paroled March 1, 1865. For five years he served as superintendent of the County Home. He was an adherent of the principles of Democracy. He married, March 30, 1865, Harriet Louise Jones, who was born in Jonesville, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1846, a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Hubbs) Jones. Their children are: Elizabeth, Charles, and James.

DAVID SHAW ATKINSON is descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry. His grandfather came to America and settled in Maryland more than a century ago. He is a son of Thomas Atkinson, who resided in Mount Pleasant, and who was married to Elizabeth Shaw. Of his ancestry on his mother's side, David Shaw was in the Revolutionary war and was engaged at Hannastown in 1782, and in the Indian conflicts of that age. From this ancestry Mr. Atkinson took his name. He was educated in Mount Pleasant College, where he spent four years, read law with Hon. James A. Hunter and was admitted to the bar in 1868. Shortly after his admission he was associated in business with T. J. Weddell, Esq., and afterward with Hon. J. R. McAfee, and still later with John M. Peoples, Esq. At present he is in partnership with William C. Peoples, Esq. He has also, almost since his admission to the bar, been one of the owners and editors of the *Tribune-Herald*, a daily and weekly paper still published in Greensburg. He has not, however, allowed the newspaper business to in any way conflict with the practice of the law, to which he has given his steady and undivided attention for thirty-five years, and in which he has achieved abundant success. No better indication of his standing at the bar can be given than this: "That when upon the death of Hon. H. P. Laird a few years ago, it became the duty of the Westmoreland Law Association to elect a new president, there were no two opinions in the association as to whom this honor should be given," Mr. Atkinson was unanimously elected and has since been re-elected each year.

His firm has always conducted a large general legal business, the court business falling mainly upon him. While not by any means a weak man in any branch of his profession, he is doubtless at his best in the trial of a case or in an argument before a jury; his flow of language, his quick perception of the strong points of a case, and his majestic delivery which almost approximates that of the old-time orator make him a most formidable opponent in any case. He has in the last twenty years been senior counsel in more than forty homicide cases in this and other counties, and has always conducted them with great skill. He has also been concerned in and has successfully conducted a very large number of the most important cases, involving the payment of large sums of money, tried in the civil courts of Westmoreland county. Aside from his law practice he has been engaged somewhat in banking and other business, but not so as to interfere with his profession. He has been a Republican and has made stump speeches in



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every section of the county, in other parts of Pennsylvania and in the western states, yet, like few lawyers, he has steadily refused political preferment. Time and again has a nomination which was almost equivalent to an election been offered him for high positions, but in each instance he has positively declined. There is no doubt that he could have been in congress or on the bench years ago, had he consented to become a candidate. His friends have reason to believe and hope that he has yet before him many years of professional usefulness.

ALEXANDER EICHER, deceased, for many years an attorney of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born November 24, 1851, in the village of what is now known as Old New Stanton, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, Abraham Eicher, was born in the neighborhood of the river Rhine, in France, and he was of German and French extraction. He was a tailor by trade. He settled at Hagerstown, Maryland, and from there moved to Ligonier, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth Sophia (Golden) Eicher, and a large family which she bore him. Among their children was a son, Jacob Eicher, (grandfather) who was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1800. He was a millwright, a miller and carpenter, and a devout member of the Baptist church, being an elder therein for years. He married Sallie Slonecker, a lady of rare intelligence, daughter of John Slonecker. Among their children was a son, John Slonecker Eicher. In 1855 Jacob Eicher and his wife moved to Washington county, Iowa, and were there buried.

John Slonecker Eicher (father) was born July 25, 1823, in Pleasant Unity, Unity township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. His educational advantages were very limited, and although he had no trade or profession, was a very handy man, and for many years was known as the best auctioneer in the county. Prior to the Civil war he served as fifer for five or ten years in the state militia. In his day he was a factor of considerable importance in the Democratic party, and held the office of treasurer of Westmoreland county during the years 1869-70. He is a Campbellite in religion. Although advanced to four score and two years, he is possessed of his powers of body and mind to a good degree, and is spoken of by many as the very soul of honor and manliness, a gentleman of the old style type, but ready to accept the best brought forth by modern civilization. He is a man of decided, deep convictions, and has yet to forsake a friend who has aided him, though others talk ill of him. He married Mary Pool, born May 20, 1833, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, just below the village of New Stanton, daughter of John Pool and his wife, Betsey (Houser) Pool, who was one of a family of eight daughters and no sons. John Pool was a son of Samuel Pool, Jr., and brother of the mother of the Venerable Harrison Null, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Samuel Pool, Jr., was a son of Samuel Pool, the founder of the Pool family in Westmoreland county. Mrs. John S. Eicher died February 14, 1861. In 1856 Mr. Eicher moved to Washington county, Iowa, but after a residence of twenty months there returned to Pennsylvania. He and his wife were the parents of three children: Alexander, born November 24, 1851, mentioned hereafter; John P., born September 30, 1853, and Jacob, born December 29, 1858.

Alexander Eicher attended the common schools of Hempfield township until twelve years of age. He then entered the country store of his maternal uncle, C. H. Pool, in Pennsville, Bullsken township, Fayette county, and remained there two years. The following five years he clerked in a general store in Pennstadt, now Penn borough, Westmoreland county, the proprietors thereof

being J. F. & D. Landis. In 1870 he was appointed deputy in the register and recorder's office of Westmoreland county, continuing for six years, three under Clark F. Warden and three under John M. Laird. On January 10, 1876, he entered the law office of Archie A. Stewart, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, as a clerk, but with the object of becoming a lawyer, and he was engaged in that office up to his decease, September 23, 1905. He was admitted to the bar July 30, 1880, and built up a large practice. He was engaged in a number of noted trials, among which was the Painter case, the Ritenour case, and the B. F. Rynd case, which gave him an excellent opportunity to display the legal talent he so abundantly possessed. He was a Democrat in politics, and while a strict partisan enjoyed the respect of the members of the opposition party. He joined the Christian church in the early eighties, and was actively connected with the A. O. U. W., R. A., and N. U. His friends were not confined to the limits of Westmoreland county, but were to be found all over the state. He was extremely kind-hearted and generous, possessed a fund of humor and jokes, with which he could entertain an audience, and therefore was popular and in much demand at social gatherings and dinners.

Mr. Eicher married, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1873, Ella M. McClelland, daughter of Archibald and Mary (Funk) McClelland, the former named having been a native of Ireland, a contractor and builder. Her death occurred in the spring of 1898. Their children were: Clark Warden, born June 17, 1874, attended the schools of Greensburg, and Washington & Jefferson College, at Washington, was a member of Company I, Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, and served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war. He is a lawyer, a member of the Westmoreland county bar, and practiced with his father under the firm name of Eicher & Eicher. He married Sarah Glunt, of Greensburg. Alexander, Jr., born April 24, 1878, also attended the schools of Greensburg and Washington and Jefferson College, of which latter institution he was a member of the famous football team, and in 1898 was elected captain, but went to the war before the season opened. He graduated at the head of his class in Greensburg high school, and stood among the first of his class at college in his junior year. He served during the entire period of the Spanish-American war as a member of Company I, Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, and during this time was never on the sick list. He is also a lawyer, a member of the Westmoreland county bar, and engaged in practice with his father and brother under the firm name of Eicher & Eicher. He married Winona Gallagher, who resided in the vicinity of Uniontown. Mary McClelland, born August 25, 1880, became the wife of J. Ed. Stevenson, of Greensburg. Elinor McClelland, born March 16, 1882, became the wife of Robert C. Jones, of Boston, Massachusetts. Romaine McClelland, born June 29, 1883. John S., born November 23, 1884. Archibald, born May 23, 1890.

**BRENISER FAMILY.** The numerous and well known family of which Harry R. Breniser, of Ligonier, is a member, has been for at least a century identified with Westmoreland county. Peter Breniser, so far as is known, spent his entire life as a farmer in Derry township. His children were: Abram, Peter, Jacob, mentioned hereafter; Barbara, married Tobias Kimmell; Susan, married Cyrus Cavin; and Christopher, a merchant at Hillside.

Jacob Breniser, son of Peter Breniser, was born in 1819, in Derry township, and during his early manhood was a farmer and stock drover. In 1850 he moved to the Ligonier valley and settled about two miles north of Ligonier village. He subsequently moved to the borough, where he engaged in mercantile

business during the remainder of his life. He married Sarah Hargnett, and they had children: John, Albert, Peter, mentioned hereafter; Susan, wife of John Johnson; Catherine, married J. Q. A. Blair; Nettie, wife of William Thomas; Sarah, wife of S. S. Dice; and Ida, married Charles Bassart.

Peter Breniser, son of Jacob and Sarah (Hargnett) Breniser, was born April 12, 1851, in Ligonier township, and until he was twenty-five years of age remained with his father on the homestead. He then married and began farming for himself on the home farm. In 1881 he moved to Ligonier borough and established what is now known as the National Hotel, of which he was proprietor for two years. He then went to Greensburg, where for six years he was proprietor of the Zimmerman House. Thence he removed to Dubois and for two years and a half conducted the National Hotel, after which he returned to the Ligonier valley and for a brief period resumed the life of a farmer. In 1900 he built the Hotel Breniser, at Ligonier, which he successfully conducted for a time, and then transferred the management to his son, Harry R. Breniser. Mr. Breniser married, October, 1876, Hulda J., daughter of Jesse Ramsey, and they have three children: May, a graduate of Duff's Business College, Pittsburg, now manager of D. H. Tollman's loan office; Harry R., mentioned hereafter; and Hargnett, at home.

Harry R. Breniser, son of Peter and Hulda J. (Ramsey) Breniser, was born November 5, 1879, at the Breniser homestead, and was educated at the Iron City College, Pittsburg, from which institution he graduated. He is now the successful proprietor of the Hotel Breniser, which is in all respects the most modern establishment of the kind in the Ligonier valley. He is a Republican in politics, member of Ligonier Lodge, No. 331, A. F. and A. M., Greensburg Chapter, R. A. M., K. T., and Latrobe Lodge No. 907, B. P. O. E. Harry R. Breniser married, March 9, 1906, Mary I. Grove, a resident of Ligonier, and sister of Dr. W. W. Grove, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and Dr. J. O. Grove, of Bradenville, Pennsylvania.

JOHN NEVIN McCONNELL, for some years the enterprising representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born June 22, 1876, at Salina, Westmoreland county, the son of Yeakle Xenophon and Rachel (Yockey) McConnell. This McConnell family came from the north of Ireland, but were of Scotch descent. The paternal ancestor in this country married a pure Celt, and settled in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was a professor of Hebrew in an institute of learning that was active in the work of the Reformed church. Jacob Shearer, of Germany, was the maternal ancestor. His wife was Christina De Hoff, from Alsace, a French province. They settled in York county, Pennsylvania, near the Maryland line.

Samuel McConnell, son of the paternal ancestor in the United States, was born in Baltimore, Maryland. His wife was Catherine (Shearer) McConnell, the daughter of Jacob and Christina Shearer. She was a native of York county, Pennsylvania. Among their children was:

Rev. John McConnell, born in York county, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1823, is still living, and is the grandfather of John Nevin McConnell. In March, 1847, as a volunteer member of Company "D," from the District of Columbia, Maryland, in the Mexican war service, he sailed from Baltimore for Vera Cruz in May, returning in August, 1848, when he was licensed to preach by the Westmoreland classis of the Reformed church at Ligonier, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1853, and was ordained to the ministry by Miami classis at Dayton, Ohio, July 25, 1855. He remained active in the work until a few years ago,

since which time he has lived a retired life. Rachel (Humberston) McConnell, wife of Rev. John McConnell, was born in Frostburg, Maryland, August, 1827. Her father was born in Maryland, but his father came from France, while the mother came from England. Her mother (nee Lohr) was born in Maryland, in 1795. The Lohrs came from Germany to Maryland.

Yeakle Xenophon McConnell, father of John Nevin McConnell, was born at Frostburg, Allegheny county, Maryland, June 4, 1853, coming to Westmoreland county in the early "seventies." He spent some time in the west, principally at Corydon, Indiana. When about sixteen years of age he began teaching school. From 1890 to 1893 he served as deputy sheriff of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, under Lucian Clawson. At present he is employed by the Keystone Coal Company, at Salina, Pennsylvania. Politically he is a stanch Democrat, and in religious faith an adherent to the creed of the Reformed church. Rachel (Yockey) McConnell, mother of John N. McConnell, was born at Salina, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1855. Her father, Simon Peter Yockey, was born at Perrysville, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February, 1820. His parents, Christopher and Mary (Bash) Yockey, came direct from Germany to Westmoreland county. Mr. McConnell's maternal grandmother, Eliza K. Yockey, whose maiden name was Whitesell, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, about 1822. Her parents, John and Mary K. (Clawson) Whitesell, were born in the same county. Mary K. Clawson's parents came direct from Holland to Westmoreland county. Her ancestors played an important part in the early history of this county, fighting Indians, and fled from what is now Bell township to Hannastown for protection. Some were scalped and tortured in various ways. The family were of the German Reformed church.

J. Nevin McConnell received his education in the common schools of Westmoreland county, and in his youthful days was not a stranger to hard manual labor. Having an ambition to accomplish more in life's conflict than seemed possible in the role he was then following, he by hard study at night time in a few years became competent to fill a higher sphere, and in 1900 associated himself with the well known Equitable Life Assurance Company, whose business he managed at Greensburg up until 1906. In the early part of 1905 he became interested in coal lands and fire clay deposits, developing and marketing the same. Like most of his ancestors he is a member of the Reformed church, and during 1904 was the superintendent of its Sunday school. He is a member of the F. and A. M., Shidle Lodge, No. 601, at Irwin, Pennsylvania. He married, October 26, 1898, Gertrude M. Wise, daughter of Simon and Amanda (Blank) Wise. She received her education from the Greensburg high schools and Greensburg Seminary. She passed from the scenes of earth March 7, 1903. Her ancestors were prominently connected with Revolutionary and Civil war events. Among these are Major John I. Krebs (Revolutionary) and Captain George A. Krebs (Civil war). Her paternal grandfather was William Wise, a native of Westmoreland county, born 1812. His wife, Lydia Wise, was born in the same county in 1813. Their parents settled in this county soon after coming from Germany. Her maternal grandfather was Henry Blank, born in Westmoreland county, in 1829, and now living at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. His wife was Louise Krebs, (now spelled Cribbs) born in Westmoreland county, about 1833, and still survives. The ancestors on both sides, with a few exceptions, came from Germany, and those who were not Germans came from France and Holland. To Mr. and Mrs. McConnell was born one son, Glenn Withrow, born at Irwin, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1900.

HARRY FRANKLIN THOMAS, druggist at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, an enterprising and prudent business factor of the town, and whose place is located on Pennsylvania avenue, is the grandson of John Thomas and Catherine (Weaver) Thomas. The date of his birth was December 18, 1859, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. The great-grandfather on the paternal side was Barnett Thomas, of the same township and county. He married and reared a family of nine children, including: John, George, Nathan, Henry, Barnett, Molly, Betsy, and Mary. Barnett Thomas, father of these children, was a lifelong farmer.

John Thomas, eldest son of Barnett Thomas, was a native of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-six years. He married Catherine Weaver, a native of Westmoreland county, and died in Hempfield township, aged eighty-four years. Their children were: 1. Jemima; 2. Nathaniel, who when less than twenty years of age enlisted in the Mexican war and died from sickness and an accident while on the march, having been in all the engagements encountered by his command, but the last one of the war. He died aged twenty-two years; 3 and 4. Barnett and Cyrus (twins); 5. Sibella, now the widow of John Stark; 6. John, Jr.; 7. Jacob; 8. Abraham W. Three of these sons served in Pennsylvania regiments during the civil war—Cyrus, a major, died of pneumonia, aged sixty-eight years; Abraham and Jacob, the latter died.

John Thomas, Jr., son of John Thomas, Sr., was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1834, and for nearly half a century has been a horse farrier and veterinary. He married Susan Henry, and their children were: Emma, deceased; Harry F.; Ida, deceased, wife of Richard Cribbs; Alice, wife of James Gilliland; Mame, wife of George Kimmel; and Lizzie, single.

Harry F., son of John, Jr., after obtaining a good common school education, attended the Pharmacy College at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1884 and 1885. He then clerked for Will Brown, a Greensburg druggist for about thirteen years (having been in his store prior to going to college) and then in 1895, engaged in the drug trade, which he still follows. Politically he is a Republican. He is a devout member and deacon of the Reformed church, and has been a financial secretary and trustee of the church cemetery association. He married Nannie A. Jones, daughter of Phebe Jones. The father is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been born four sons: John E., born July 19, 1887; Paul L., born November 13, 1889; Henry F., Jr., born March 28, 1894; Howard J., born November 5, 1897, all still living at home.

JOHN FRANKLIN GOODLIN, a grocer, doing a prosperous retail trade at Nos. 213 and 215 West Newton avenue, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1870.

(I) His great-grandfather was James Goodlin, who married (first) Catharine Snyder. They located in Greensburg and conducted a hotel which stood where now stands the "Fisher House." Among the children born by their marriage was Henry A. Goodlin, the grandfather of John F. Goodlin. By James Goodlin's second marriage there was born to him among other children a son who was killed in the civil war.

(II) Henry A. Goodlin, son of pioneer James Goodlin and his wife Catharine, was born February 13, 1824, near Harrold's church, where he still resides, aged eighty-two years. He married Hannah Baker, daughter of George and Eve Baker. At an early day George Baker was a cabinet maker and

furnished all the coffins for the county home. Hannah (Baker) Goodlin died in 1863. Henry A. Goodlin married (second) Mary Harrold, daughter of George Harrold and wife. The children by the former marriage were: William George Washington, born February 22, 1851; Frank P., born 1852; Amanda, wife of Abraham Altman; Mary A., wife of Henry A. Wentzel; John H., and one daughter who died in infancy. By the second marriage Henry A. Goodlin was the father of Elmer A., George H., Emma, wife of Arthur Keener.

(III) William G. W. Goodlin, father of John F. Goodlin, received a good common school education in Hempfield township, and farmed with his father until 1886, when he was appointed tip-staff in the Westmoreland district court, which place he still holds, making a continued service of twenty years. During 1896 he removed to Greensburg and in the spring of 1905 to his present home at No. 219 West Third street. He is a Democrat, and a member of the First Reformed church. He married, March 24, 1870, Sevila T., daughter of Philip and Margaret (Miller) Wentzel, of Millersdale, Pennsylvania. Their children were: John F., born September 29, 1870, of whom later; James H., born April 5, 1872; Sarah A., born May 12, 1874, married Frank O. Boggs; Oliver P., born May 20, 1876; Margaret Jane, born August 18, 1878, married W. H. Sawash; William H., born June 9, 1880; Mary L., born October 20, 1882; Lilly A., born December 9, 1884, wife of Harry Schaff; Laura Pearl, born March 25, 1888; Lucian W. Doty, born February 15, 1890, died December 9, 1902. The living children all reside in Greensburg, except Mrs. Boggs, who resides in Jeannette, a suburb town.

(IV) John Franklin Goodlin, after receiving a good education, taught for several years in the schools of Westmoreland county and then clerked for W. F. Scheibler in his general store on "Bunker Hill" for three years. Subsequently he engaged in trade with his father-in-law and brother-in-law, H. R. and J. G. Myers, at Jeannette. He sold out there and embarked in the grocery trade in Greensburg with his brother, James H., and now operates at Nos. 213 and 215 West Newton avenue. Mr. Goodlin married, when about twenty-one years of age, Sarah Henry, of Middletown. They have two children: Clark Oliver, born May 1, 1894, and Olive Margaret, born December 29, 1896. Mr. Goodlin is a Republican in his political views, believing that party but serves the interests of the masses of American citizens. Both he and his wife are members of the First Reformed church. He is a member of Golden Eagle Lodge and the Protected Home Circle.

EDWARD JOHN PERRY. As incumbent of the office of burgess of Greensburg and as one of the representative citizens of Westmoreland county Mr. Perry is consistently accorded recognition in this compilation, while it may be stated that he is one of the leading undertakers and florists of the attractive capital city of the county.

Edward John Perry is a native of the old Keystone state, where the family was founded several generations ago. He was born in Lewisville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, March 18, 1864, and is a son of Samuel C. and Mary Ellen (Stern) Perry, of whose eight children six are living, namely: Lizzie, wife of Samuel McCauley, who resides in the northeastern part of Maryland; William T., a successful druggist in Chester, Pennsylvania; Edward J., of whom later; Albert Cloud, engaged in the grocery business in the city of Philadelphia; George Elliott, identified with the same line of enterprise in the same city; and Anna, wife of Albert McCauley, superintendent



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(III) All the names for the county home. Hannah (Baker) Goodlin and Henry A. Goodlin married (secondly) Mary Harrold, daughter of William Harrold and wife. The children by the former marriage were: William A., Kingston, born February 22, 1851; Frank P., born 1852; and Abraham Alphonse Mary A., wife of Henry A. Wentzel, John, who died in infancy. By the second marriage Henry A. Goodlin is the father of Elmer A., George H., Emma, wife of Arthur Leckner.

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of the Denver paper mills in the city of Denver, Colorado. Samuel C. Perry was born January 17, 1828, and the major part of his life was passed in Chester county. In his youth he learned the carpenter's trade, and his active career was devoted to contracting and building, in which he was fairly successful, being a man of integrity and reliability. He died August 31, 1883, at the age of fifty-four years. In politics he was a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and both he and his wife were prominent and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while for many years he was a member of the board of trustees of St. John's Church, in Lewisville. In a fraternal way he was identified with the I. O. O. F. and the K. P., while in all the relations of life he commanded the confidence and esteem of those with whom he came in contact. His wife is Mary Ellen Perry, nee Stern, of Denver, Colorado.

Edward J. Perry passed his boyhood days in his native town, in whose public schools he secured his early educational training, though his school work was of very irregular order after he had attained the age of ten years, since he then began to depend upon his own resources to a very large extent. He secured employment on a neighboring farm, remaining with the one employer for six years, within which time he attended school as opportunity presented, and he remained two years with another farmer of Cecil county, Maryland. At the age of eighteen years he secured a position in the establishment of a leading undertaker and florist of Westgrove, Chester county, where he secured his initial experience in the line of enterprise with which he is now so successfully identified. He remained connected with this establishment for a period of four and one-half years, within which time he had thoroughly familiarized himself with all details of the business. In 1887 he associated himself with Ellsworth Burtis and engaged in the undertaking business at Mount Holly, New Jersey, where the enterprise was conducted about two years, under the firm name of Burtis & Perry. He then disposed of his interests and shortly afterward removed to the city of Pittsburg, where he was employed about eighteen months, at the expiration of which, in 1890, he came to Greensburg, where he has ever since maintained his home and where he has become numbered among our representative business men. For four and one-half years he was here employed by Samuel N. Shields, undertaker, and June 17, 1895, he engaged in business for himself as a funeral director, while in 1901 he added to his undertaking business the florist department, while his equipments and accessories are of the best and his establishment one of the leading concerns of the sort in the county.

In politics Mr. Perry accords a staunch allegiance to the Democratic party, and has been an active worker in its cause for a number of years past. He was a member of the Democratic county committee for several terms as a representative of the Fourth ward in the city of Greensburg, and in February, 1903, was signally honored in being elected to his present responsible position as burgess for a term of three years, his election, furthermore, indicating the high regard in which he is held in the community. In a fraternal way Mr. Perry is affiliated with the following orders: Greensburg Lodge, No. 511, B. P. O. E.; Greensburg Castle, No. 366, K. G. E.; Greensburg Tent, No. 214, K. M.; Westmoreland Lodge, No. 840, I. O. O. F.; Aerie No. 577, F. O. E.; Westmoreland Camp, No. 18, W. of W.; the Grand Fraternity and the Homeless, No. 26. He is secretary of the Westmoreland County Funeral Directors' Association, and a member of the board of trustees of Thiel College. He has also been identified with the Greensburg fire de-

partment for fourteen years, in which time he has filled all of the various offices in the company, as well as being captain for six years; is a member of the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association, and also served one term as president of the Western Pennsylvania Firemen's Association, which comprises thirty-six counties, as well as being on the executive board since 1898. Mr. Perry married, January 6, 1897, Margaret J. Horty, daughter of James Horty, of West Grove, Chester county, Pennsylvania, where she was born and reared, and seven children were born, one of whom died in infancy. The names of the surviving children are: Fred B., Paul R., Edward J., Jr., Richard M., Kenneth C. and Elizabeth C. He and his wife are prominent members of the First Lutheran church, he having filled the office of deacon for the past six years.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS WINEMAN, of the firm of Wineman & Getty, dealers in furniture and musical instruments, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, ranks among the thrifty business men of the city. He was born near the present site of Youngwood, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1871, the son of Andrew and Catherine C. (Rugh) Wineman.

I. The American ancestor of this family was John George Wineman, a native of Germany, coming from Muenchingen, Wuertenberg, with his wife, Anna Catherine (Laundmesser) Wineman, and children: Barbara, Jacob, Regena, George, Andrew, mentioned hereafter. After coming to this country the children born were John and Mary. The family came from their German home across the sea in the ship "Columbia"; they sailed from Amsterdam July 14, 1831, and landed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The ancestor, John George, was born in 1790, and died, aged ninety-three years, in 1883. The wife of the paternal ancestor came from those of high official position in Germany. They were both strict, devout Lutherans. They settled near Greensburg, Pennsylvania, in Hempfield township, on land bought at eighteen dollars per acre. It is still in possession of the family, a spot sacred to every member of the generations descending from them.

II. Andrew Wineman, son of John George and Anna Catherine Wineman, was born at Muenchingen, canton of Ledberg, in the kingdom of Wuertenberg, Germany, November 11, 1830. He was less than a year old at the date of his parents coming to America. He received a good common school education in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and followed the cabinet-making business for a few years at New Stanton, Pennsylvania, but subsequently settled on the old farm, tilled the soil, raised, bought and sold stock, especially horses for the eastern city markets. He was a strict Lutheran, and early became a member of the old Harrolds church, of which he was for many years an officer and very active worker. He also founded the Youngwood Lutheran church in 1901. Politically he was a staunch Republican. Mr. Wineman married, when about twenty-nine years of age, Catherine Caroline Rugh, whose parents, Peter and Elizabeth Rugh, resided where "Hufftown" now stands, a part of Greensburg. She was born August 12, 1839. The children by that union are: Anna Margaret, married; Elizabeth Amanda, married; Mary Jane, single; Jacob Ezra, married; Gustavus Adolphus, married; Charlotte Agnes, married; William Henry, married; a college graduate; and George Franklin, single. Andrew Wineman, father of these children, died February 14, 1904, and his good wife, so long his life companion, still lives on the old Wineman homestead, beloved by all.

Of the Rugh family it may here be stated that their ancestor came to

this country about 1680, settling in eastern Pennsylvania. His name was Michael Rugh. A member of the family went over the Allegheny mountains, settling in what is now Westmoreland county. In the acts of the assembly, September 17, 1785, it is recorded: "Whereas, the Seat of Justice for the county of Westmoreland hath not been heretofore established by law, etc., etc., it was enacted by the freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that five trustees be appointed to purchase a piece of land in trust for use of the inhabitants of Westmoreland county. Provided: That said piece of land be not situated farther east than "nine mile run," nor farther west than "Brushy Run," or farther north than Loyalhanna, nor farther south than five miles south of the old Pennsylvania road, leading to Pittsburg, on which ground said courthouse and prison." The trustees appointed to act were: Benjamin Davis, Michael Rugh, John Shields, John Pomeroy, and Hugh Martin. Michael Rugh owned the land where now stands the steel works and the borough of Hufftown. Jacob Rugh was Michael Rugh's son, and the father of Peter Rugh, whose daughter Caroline intermarried with the Winemans.

III. Gustavus Adolphus Wineman, son of Andrew Wineman, received a good common school education in the schools of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and then learned the carpenter's and builders' trade, following that and contracting until 1902, when he in company with H. M. Zundell purchased the furniture business of C. T. Barnhart, who had operated it a quarter of a century. Politically Mr. Wineman is a Republican, and in religious matters, like his forefathers, adheres to the Lutheran church. He first held membership in Harrolds church, but after his marriage united with the First Lutheran Church of Greensburg, of which his wife is also a member, though formerly a Presbyterian. Mr. Wineman was a member of the borough council for four years at South West Greensburg, and for the past three years has been president of the school board. He was among the first to build in that borough, erecting several residences which materially aided in the growth and development of the place. In 1905 he in company with George S. Getty, purchased the Greensburg Trading Company business, wherein is carried a full line of furniture and household supplies and musical instruments, selling his interest in the furniture establishment of Wineman & Zundel.

Mr. Wineman married, December 30, 1896, Mary J. Bierer, of Cedarville, Virginia, daughter of J. M. and Susan (Painter) Bierer. She was born near Greensburg, November 23, 1871. Her father's family were prominent in the service of the Union army in Civil war days, volunteering as soldiers at Latrobe. Mr. and Mrs. Wineman are the parents of three children: Grace Virginia, John Bierer, and Mary Caroline.

In conclusion it should be stated that every old citizen around Greensburg well remembers the eventful, though quiet and reserved life of John George Wineman, the grandfather of Gustavus A. Wineman, who built up both state and church by an honest, exemplary life. Also the late Andrew Wineman, father of Gustavus A. Wineman, who bore well his part in making the surroundings of Greensburg what they are in a number of ways. Gustavus A. Wineman is taking up the duties laid down by both father and grandfather.

FOIGHT FAMILY. John George Foight, the first ancestor of the family in America, was a son of George Jacob Foight, of Iwinsbaugh,

Brockenheim county, Wurtemberg kingdom, Germany. He was born November 19, 1800. He served an apprenticeship with a boot and shoe maker in his native village and learned that trade. In the year 1823 he embarked on a sailing vessel bound for America. It is not known from what port in the Fatherland he sailed, but by reason of contrary winds his voyage lasted eighty days. He and his fellow wayfarers suffered some hardships from their long cruise, as the good ship's commissary was exhausted of everything but salt meats before reaching this side of the Atlantic. He settled in Pittsburg, where he began to work at his trade as a journeyman. Sometime later he married Eliza Berlin Wooster, widow of Charles Wooster. This Widow Wooster was before this time the widow of one Pinkerton, so that she had already outlived two husbands, and after her marriage with her third husband her maternal instincts went out to three lines of children. In 1832 John George Foight removed with his family to Murrysville, Westmoreland county, where he purchased a tract of twenty acres of land, erected a log house and shop, set up as a master in his trade and followed it until a few years before his death. The military spirit ran high in him and he was a member of a volunteer militia company called the "Franklin Blues." He died December 31, 1872.

George Jacob, his father, according to a translation of some old German papers brought to this country and still in the possession of the family, was an attache of the Court at Wurtemberg. When a mere lad John George Foight saw Napoleon's army as it crossed Germany in the campaign against Russia. This pageant was stamped upon his youthful mind and he frequently related it to his family with much pride. It is quite probable that the spelling and pronunciation of the surname of John George Foight, either by accident or design, was changed after he came to America. The German spelling of the name, as attested by Germans of his time and acquaintance, was "Voight" instead of "Foight," and the pronunciation accordingly. It was a rather common occurrence among people of the German nationality coming to this country in the early days to endeavor to Anglicise their names. This early custom is revealed by the old legal records of the county.

Eliza Berlin, wife of the American ancestor of the Foight family, was the daughter of Jacob Berlin. She was born at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1800. With her parents she crossed the mountains in 1810 and settled in Pittsburg. During the journey a night was spent at Fort Ligonier, where a guard had to be posted to keep wolves away from the horses and camp. The old Foight homestead was on the line of the northern turnpike, which before the building of the Pennsylvania railroad, was one of the main thoroughfares between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. In her day Eliza Berlin Foight was famous for the cakes she made and for a beverage called "spruce beer," which she supplied to travelers on the pike. She and her husband first attended Denmark Manor Reformed church, where now repose their remains. This church was about five miles from where they lived, and before they possessed a horse they traveled to the church afoot. In the latter years of their lives a Methodist Episcopal church was established at Murrysville and they united with it. When a small girl Mrs. Foight was among the company who welcomed Marquis LaFayette upon his visit from France to the United States. She many times spoke to her friends in later years of the warm welcome extended by the people to the famous general upon that occasion. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. John George Foight were: Samuel Berlin, born in 1837, educated in the common schools, after which he was





*John W. Fright*



apprenticed as a compositor. After mastering the printer's trade he worked at the case on the *Pittsburg Gazette* (now *Commercial Gazette*) and became foreman of the composing room. He was married to Margaret Remaley. He died of a fever in December, 1871, leaving two sons, Harry S. and Frank A., to survive him. Lucinda, married Herman H. Beeson, and shortly after her marriage moved with her husband to Columbia City, Whitley county, Indiana. Lucinda is now a widow, her children all living near her in Indiana. Satiah, married (first) Oliver Purcell, who a short time afterwards died in Pittsburg, leaving one son, John. Satiah married (second) David Miller, and they lived for a time at McKeesport, but now reside near Denmark Manor church. John George, of whom later.

John George Foight, named after his father, was born at Murrysville, November 28, 1842. He received a common school education, and by occupation is a farmer, fruit grower and dairyman. In August, 1864, he enlisted in the Two Hundred and Fourth Regiment, Fifth Light Artillery, United States Volunteers, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out of the service July 4, 1865. He was elected a member of the Pennsylvania legislature in 1888. He was instrumental in the organization of the First National Bank of Export, of which he is a director. John G. Foight, married, in 1867, Mary Emeline Brinker, a native of Penn township, born in 1847. They are both members of the Denmark Manor Reformed church, and politically Mr. Foight has always been a Republican. Mary Emeline Brinker was a daughter of Josiah and Anna (Kistler) Brinker. Jacob Brinker, her great-grandfather, is supposed to have been born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The earliest record of him is his will, recorded November 16, 1798, by which instrument it appears he was the father of a large family and that he was possessed of about fifteen hundred acres of land, much of it located in what was then styled the "Opost Settlement," Franklin township. His wife was named Susannah and his children were: George, Jacob, Abraham, Margaret, married one Larnier; Katren, wife of John Seeley; Susannah, wife of Jacob Barleen, and one daughter (name unknown) who married a man named Shaver. Jacob Brinker, her grandfather, lived on the land inherited from his father in Franklin township. It is not known to whom he was married. On January 12, 1805, he received a deed from one Coates, an attorney for John and Richard Penn, proprietors of Pennsylvania, for three hundred and thirty-six acres of land in the Manor of Denmark, which land his father had purchased from the heirs of Penn, and had given to him by his will, but for which the father had never received the deed. His children were: Colonel Paul Brinker, Josiah, above named; Esther, married John Lauffer, of Harrison City; Sarah, wife of Michael Byers, and Lydia, married (first) John Kistler, and later, one Fink. Josiah Brinker died in 1888. John Lauffer, mentioned herein, lived to the ripe old age of over a hundred years. The children of John G. and Mary E. Foight now living are: Samuel Berlin, Paul R., Mary Elizabeth, wife of J. Logan Kemerer; John H., Jesse Brinker (named after his grandfather), Annie E., unmarried, at home; Harry W., unmarried, at home; and Charles Curtis, unmarried, at home.

CHARLES WESLEY BYERLY, who conducts a grocery and queensware store in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, is a native of Westmoreland county. He was born in East Huntingdon township, January 9, 1860, the son of John and Harriet (Suttle) Byerly, who farmed in Hempfield and other townships in Westmoreland county. The father died in Greensburg, in July,

1894, aged seventy-two years. Their children were Artlisa, died young; William Irwin, died aged about forty-nine years; Viola, married Dempster Moore, who died in Philadelphia; she died December, 1903; Margaret, wife of Thomas E. Wible, of Greensburg, Pa.; Martha, died young; Charles W.; Phebe Ann, married A. O. Jones, of Greensburg, Pa.; Hattie M., married Milton Given, of Greensburg, Pa.

Charles W. Byerly attended the common schools of his native county, and when a young man operated his father's farm and a dairy for two years, after which he engaged in the grocery and crockery business, which he has followed the past eighteen years, commencing about 1887. His place of business, on Penn avenue, Greensburg, is one of the model business houses of the thriving city. He adheres to the political principles of the Republican party. His own business affairs having fully absorbed his time, he has never held public office, except that of school director in Southwest Greensburg borough. He was a member of Company I, Pennsylvania National Guard, for five years, holding the office of corporal. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Greensburg, and is connected with the Woodmen of the World, an insurance fraternal order. He married, April 30, 1885, Carrie E. Robinson, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Daniel and Hannah Robinson. Her father died in 1887. Their children were: Nellie, aged twenty years; Marjorie, aged eighteen years; Hannah, aged sixteen years; Henrietta, aged fourteen years; and Viola M., aged seven years.

JESSE CLARENCE WELTY is one of the well known and prosperous farmers of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He is also extensively engaged in dealing in live stock, and is one of the influential men of this district.

John Steiner Welty, father of Jesse Clarence Welty, was a wagon builder by trade and carried on a successful business in Frogtown, near Pleasant Unity. He was a member of the Reformed church, and a stanch Democrat. He married Nancy Kilgore, daughter of Jesse Kilgore, who was one of the leading farmers of Hempfield township, and they had eleven children: Elizabeth, died in infancy; Charles, died in infancy; Mary, married Murray Zimmerman, son of Henry R. Zimmerman, farmer and thrasher of Hempfield township; Lelah, married Samuel Gordon, of New Alexandria, and has three children: Bessie, Ada and Jane; Margaret, married Harvey Barclav, of Connelville, and has two children: Harry and John; John Kilgore, died at the age of twenty; Jesse Clarence, of whom later; Richard Steiner, married Kate Smith, daughter of Francis Smith, who is one of the leading farmers of Unity township, and has two children, Harry and Mildred; William, died in infancy; Robert, died at the age of two years; Bessie, married Ezra W. Kepple, who is in the mantel business in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and has one child, Mabel.

Jesse Clarence Welty, third son and seventh child of John Steiner and Nancy (Kilgore) Welty, was born in Frogtown, near Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1872. He received his education in the common schools of the district, and commenced at quite an early age to assist his father on the farm, thus gaining practical knowledge of the best means of cultivation. Upon attaining manhood he commenced farming operations for himself, which has met with unvaried success. In connection with the cultivation of his farm, which is a model in its way, he commenced to deal in live stock, and now does an extensive business in this direction. He married, February 18,

1897, Mary Immel, daughter of John and Nancy (Rowe) Immel, of East Greensburg. Andrew Rowe, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Welty, came from Germany when a boy, settled in Pennsylvania, and married Peggie Hontz. Henry Immel, paternal grandfather of Mrs. Welty, was in the meat business for a livelihood. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Clarence Welty are: John Franklin, born August 18, 1899; Margaret Nancy, March 23, 1901; Jesse Kilgore, March 13, 1903.

ADAM KELLER BOWMAN, one of the leading business men of Westmoreland county and a man prominently and actively identified with community affairs, was born in Bell township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1854, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hine) Bowman. Joseph Bowman was born in Bell township in 1825. He was reared on the home farm, and on reaching manhood acquired a portion of the old homestead, where he resided up to 1868, when he removed to Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Here he was connected for a number of years with the mercantile business, which in 1894 was sold to the Greer Brothers, and since that time led a retired life. Mr. Bowman is a Democrat, and for several years held the office of councilman of Greensburg. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and was for many years an officer of that church. He married Elizabeth Hine, and their children are: Simon, of Greensburg; Elizabeth, wife of Lucien Clawson, ex-sheriff and banker of Greensburg; and Adam Keller, of whom later.

Adam Keller Bowman was reared at home, acquiring his education in the Greensburg public schools. In 1870 he entered his father's store, and some two or three years later was made a member of the firm, the firm name being changed from J. Bowman to J. Bowman & Sons, Simon Bowman also being made a member of the firm. From this time the management of the business was gradually assumed by Adam and his brother. Under their management the business prospered and grew to large proportions, becoming one of the leading dry goods and carpet establishments in Greensburg. In 1898 Adam K. Bowman retired from the firm, and engaged in the manufacture of garment hangers. One year later he perfected and patented a self-adjusting skirt hanger, the sales of which extend all over this and foreign countries. In 1902 the business had grown to such proportions that more commodious quarters were necessary, and Mr. Bowman accordingly erected a three-story factory building on Penn street, in Ludwick borough, where the business is now conducted on a large and paying scale. Mr. Bowman's life is an example that may well be followed by the rising generation; an illustration of what those success-bringing qualities, industry, perseverance and strong will, can do in the way of attaining for a man a high place in the ranks of successful and prosperous people. Mr. Bowman affiliates with the Democratic party, and has served one term as a member of the borough council. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and takes a lasting interest in the welfare of that organization. In 1889 Mr. Bowman married Martha Elizabeth Berlin, of Greensburg, and of their seven children five are living: Romaine, Josephine, Margery, Joseph and Edward.

EDWARD HENRY BAIR, real estate dealer and member of the firm of Bair and Lane, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born March 6, 1859, in the village of Congruity, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, the son of Henry Nicholas Hacke Bair and Elizabeth (Keener) Bair.

The grandfather, David Bair, emigrated from Lancaster county, Pennsyl-

vania, to Penn township, Westmoreland county, in the early years of the nineteenth century, and died January 26, 1852, aged sixty years and twenty-four days. He married (first) Elizabeth Bowers, and (second) Sarah Bender.

The father of Edward Henry Bair was born in Penn township about 1825 and died January 11, 1873. He married Elizabeth Eliza Keener, daughter of Henry and Susan Keener, and moved to Congruity about 1848. He, with his brothers Isaac and Sebastian, were the inventors of what was known as the tumbling-shaft threshing machines and was largely interested in the machine business at Congruity at the time of his death in 1873. He was prominently known throughout the country as a manufacturer of farm machinery, etc. He was among the earliest undertakers in the county, and was the first to manufacture broadcloth-covered coffins. He was one of the founders of Trinity Reformed church at New Salem, as was also his wife. In politics he was a Democrat. He took a very active part in the public school system, and for many years served as a member of the school board in Salem township, and was a candidate for county commissioner at the time of his death.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Keener) Bair traces her ancestry back to the Ubero and Frantz and her great-grandfather, great-grandmother and their daughter were captured by the Indians about the time of the destruction of Hannahstown. The great-grandfather was murdered at the time, and the two women taken with the tribe of Indians to a point along the Monongahela river, near present McKeesport, and after about six months of captivity escaped and stole their way back to their home just north of Greensburg. Mr. Bair's mother was born in 1824 and died in 1894 at Congruity, Pennsylvania.

Edward Henry Bair was educated in the public schools in Salem township and at the New Salem Academy. He relates that perhaps through acquaintance and sympathy, more than for any other reason, he was made a teacher at the age of sixteen years in Salem township. After teaching for three years he was elected principal of the New Salem schools and during three summers, in partnership with I. E. Laufer, had charge of the New Salem Academy. He was elected in 1881, principal of the Scottdale public schools, and after two years resigned to locate in Greensburg for the purpose of reading law. Here he took charge of the Ludwick schools. Two years later he drifted into the real estate business. He passed the preliminary law examination and registered with Beacon and Newill (attorneys), but owing to the rapid growth of his real estate business, he abandoned further law studies and since then has been largely interested in Greensburg real estate.

For more than a dozen years he has been identified with many enterprises, having promoted the Westmoreland Electric Company; the Westmoreland Light, Heat and Power Company; the Greensburg Southern Street Railway Company; the Westmoreland Realty Company; the Iron City Land Company; the Atlantic Land Company, and many public enterprises. He is at present the senior member of the firm of Bair and Lane; vice-president of the Greensburg Furnace Company; treasurer of the Greensburg and Cambridge Spring railway, and a director of the Merchants' Trust Company, besides being largely interested in numerous other enterprises in Westmoreland county.

In his religion he is identified with the Reformed church of Greensburg, and in politics is a Democrat. Mr. Bair is a member of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, F. and A. M. of Greensburg; Olivet Council Lodge, No. 13, Urania Chapter, Lodge No. 192; Kedron Commandery, Lodge No. 18, K. T., A. A. S. R. Valley of Pittsburg, and Syria Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., and the present secretary of the Greensburg Masonic fund. By a vote of the people in the sev-

eral boroughs, June, 1905, the first of these ambitions was realized, and the second one has since made great progress. He was married at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1885, to Esther Mary Suydam, daughter of Joseph L. and Mary White Suydam. Her father until a very short time before his death, at Coatesville, Pennsylvania, was the superintendent of the Wilmington and Delaware railroad. Mrs. Bair was educated at the schools of Coatsville and Latrobe. Their children were: Paul Suydam, Kenneth Henry, Helen, Edward Hart, Esther, and Joseph Lawrence.

One of the ambitions of Mr. Bair, in a business sense and for general public good, is to bring about the consolidation of the numerous boroughs, surrounding the borough of Greensburg in order that the place may become a city and the leading one in western Pennsylvania, for ideal homes. Another matter in which he is greatly interested is that the public school system shall rise to such a standard as to admit its graduates to any of the large colleges, without additional preparation. It is his sanguine belief that both of these, his worthy ambitions, will be fully realized, and within a short period.

J. R. SMITH, a successful attorney and enterprising coal operator and manufacturer of Scottdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born March 29, 1850, the son of Jesse P. and Sarah (Robinson) Smith, and descends from German ancestry. His paternal grandfather came from Germany about 1790 and settled in Cass township, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer of the sturdy type and prominent in the Methodist Episcopal church. He married a Miss Parnell, in Germany. They had six sons, of whom Mr. Smith's father was one. His name was Jesse, and he was next to the youngest son.

Jesse P. Smith, the father, was a soldier in the Civil war in the Union army under General George B. McClellan. He was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1812. He followed farming for a livelihood. In religion he was identified with the Methodist Protestant church, and was a Republican in his political affiliations. He married Sarah Robinson, daughter of Vincent and Susan (Hess) Robinson, all of the same county. They were of Scotch parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse P. Smith's children were: Thomas G.; Samuel H.; Mary S. (Mrs. Cook); J. R., see forward; Eliza Jane; Isaac Newton.

J. R. Smith, son of Jesse P. Smith, received his education at the common schools, and later took an academic course. He was reared to farm labor in Todd township, Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and read law with the well known law firm of Brown and Bailey, of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. He was admitted to the bar in the county of his native city in 1879, removing to Westmoreland county in 1881. He was admitted to the practice in the supreme courts in 1887, and soon after the organization of the superior court, and also a member of the United States court. Aside from his professional career he is interested in coal mining operations and manufacturing industries in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and in the state of West Virginia. He has a law office at Greensburg. Being a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, he has always cast his vote with this party. Aside from holding the office of school director, he has never sought or held public office. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Scottdale. He was married, October 2, 1884, near Ligonier, Pennsylvania, to Clara S. Clifford, who received a common school and academic education. Her father, C. Myers Clifford, and mother,

Susan (McElroy) Clifford, are farmers. Their children are: Jessie Anna, Clifford M., Vincent Robinson, Marquis McElroy, all born in Scottdale, Pennsylvania, all unmarried at this time.

WILLIAM THEODORE DOM, JR., an attorney practicing in the city of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born at that place July 10, 1873, the son of William Theodore and Eliza Jane (McCullough) Dom.

(I) Philip Dom, the grandfather, was a native of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. He came to America about 1821, locating at Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and in his political views was first a Whig and upon the formation of the Republican party became identified with that organization. By occupation he was a contractor and builder. He aided in building iron furnaces at Wellersburg, Pennsylvania. He also helped to construct the National pike road in the Shenandoah valley, between Winchester and Romney, Virginia. He became a prominent citizen, both in Berlin and Wellersburg, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret Gerhardt, a native of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, a granddaughter of Sir John Jacob Hentz, who was the custodian of all the public records of the town of Beuern in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. The Hentzs were very prominent among the families of that section of Germany.

(II) William Theodore Dom, son of Philip Dom, was one of a family of six brothers and two sisters. He was born August 10, 1844, at Wellersburg, Pennsylvania. He was variously engaged as hotel keeper, merchant, coal and coke superintendent and banker. He now lives a retired life at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. His education was obtained in the public school. The church of his choice is the Presbyterian, and politically he affiliates with the Republican party, but has never sought office. He married Eliza Jane McCulloch, who bore him three sons—William Theodore, John McCulloch and Welty McCulloch Dom.

Of Mr. Dom's mother's family it may be said that tradition says that Hugh Brady (I) and Hannah McCormick, his wife, came from the forks of the Delaware and settled in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, about 1734. They were the parents of nine children.

(II) Hugh Brady, the fourth son of Hugh and Hannah (McCormick) Brady, was born in 1740, and married Jane Young, by whom nine children were born, including one named James.

(III) James Brady, born in 1764, died 1839. He married Rachel Speer, and they became the parents of six children, including Jane. James Brady removed from the Cumberland valley and settled in Ligonier valley, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, at an early day, but went to Greensburg to assume the duties of sheriff, to which office he was elected in 1794, and resided there until his death. He was elected to the house of representatives for a term of three years. He was also a member of the state senate, three terms of four years each. In 1806 he was speaker of the senate. He was called by Governor Heister as one of his cabinet and served as secretary of the land office. The Bradys were Presbyterians and James was the first elder of this church at Greensburg, of whom there appears to be any record. He appeared as elder in the presbytery in 1802. In 1808 he and his pastor were chosen delegates to the general assembly. He frequently represented the church in the meetings of the presbytery, and from the numbers of committees on which he served in that body he must have been an active and useful member. He was an elder nearly

forty years. He was a cousin of Captain Samuel Brady and General Hugh Brady.

(IV.) Jane Brady, born 1794, died 1873. She married Jacob Welty, who was born in 1791, and died in 1864. They were the parents of seven children. The Weltys came from Switzerland.

I. John Jacob Welty, born in 1720, married Christina Broff, and they were the parents of six children.

II. Henry Welty, son of John Jacob, was born in 1764, died in 1841. He married Catherine Steiner, and they had nine children.

III. Jacob Welty, son of Henry Welty, was born 1791, died 1864. He married Jane Brady (IV), and they were the parents of seven children, including Eliza Catherine.

IV. Eliza Catherine Welty, daughter of Jacob and Jane (Brady) Welty, was born in 1819, died 1882. She married John McColloch, born in 1803, died in 1884. They had six children. The McCollochs came from Scotland and the name was there spelled McColloch.

I. John McColloch's parents removed from Scotland to the south of Ireland, where the father died when John was but six months of age. He was the only child in the family. The McCollochs were United Presbyterians. John came to Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Mifflin township, but was subsequently removed to a farm east of Newville. This farm is still owned by the descendants. He was born in 1740 and died in 1808. He married and was the father of eight children.

II. William McColloch, son of John McColloch, married Sarah McBride, and they were the parents of eight children, including John.

III. John McColloch was born in 1803 and died in 1884. He married Eliza Catherine Welty (IV), born 1819, died 1882. They were the parents of six children.

IV. Welty McColloch, son of John and Eliza C. McColloch, was born in 1847, died in 1889. He was a graduate of Princeton College, and in 1886 was elected to a seat in congress. He married Ada B. Markle, by whom two children were born.

IV. Eliza Jane McColloch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McColloch, was born in 1849; married William Theodore Dom, born in 1844. They were the parents of three children—William Theodore, of whom later; John, and Welty Dom.

IV. Anna Welty McColloch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McColloch, was born in 1862; graduated from the Pennsylvania College for Women; married Denna Charles Ogden, born in 1860, and now a prominent attorney at Greensburg.

III. William Theodare Dom, son of William Theodore and Eliza Jane (McColloch) Dom, obtained his education at the excellent public schools of Greensburg, his native city, and later attended the Greensburg Seminary and finished at Washington and Jefferson College. In 1894 he registered as a law student with his uncle-in-law, D. C. Ogden, and in 1896 was admitted to the bar of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. January 1, 1904, he formed his present partnership, as a member of the law firm of Ogden & Dom. For about one year he served as official stenographer of the Orphans court, and from May to September, 1903, was deputy register of wills of the Orphans court of Westmoreland county, but upon the death of his chief, S. C. Stevenson, he resigned to resume the practice of law. Politically he is a Republican, and has been active in promoting the interests of his party. He made his first political

speech in 1892, and during the McKinley campaign was very active. In 1889 he stumped the state for his party, when Colonel Barnett was a candidate for state treasurer. He has been secretary of the Republican county committee several times. He is at present a member of the Greensburg borough council. He is an exemplary member of the First Presbyterian church at Greensburg. In 1895 he joined the National Guard of Pennsylvania, being a member of Company I, Tenth Regiment, and served as company clerk until the Spanish war, when he was appointed corporal and was mustered into the service of the government at Mount Gretna and accompanied the regiment to the Philippine Islands, where he was detailed as battalion sergeant-major under Major Bierer. He also acted for a time as regimental sergeant-major for Colonel Hawkins. He was a charter member of the Order of Americus, which has been absorbed by the Grand Fraternity. He is a member of Lodge No. 511, B. P. O. E., being one of its charter members; has held various chairs and is now secretary of the order. He is also a charter member of Circle No. 2, Homeless Twenty-six, and Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, F. and A. M. Mr. Dom married, November 28, 1900, Lela M. Hudson, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Dom is the daughter of William and Mary (Kepple) Hudson, whose people are farmers. She was educated in the public schools and is a graduate of Greensburg Seminary. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Dom are: Anna, born at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1901; Lela, born at the same place, May 3, 1903.

GEORGE SLAINE, a steamship agent, court interpreter and notary public, is a native of Hungary, born at Markusfalva, March 23, 1866, the son of George and Mary (Gavulish) Slaine. The father was engaged in the farm and dairy business. In religion he espoused the Catholic faith, and in politics was independent. He received a good common school education and afforded his children the same.

George Slaine was educated in the common schools and took a five years' course in the Gymnasium College at Iglo, Hungary. He came to America in 1883, landing in New York City, March 1st. He served in the United States army as a member of the Sixteenth United States Regular Infantry Regiment, on the Western frontier, and was wounded and finally honorably discharged February 25, 1890, as a non-commissioned officer. He was discharged on account of ill health. He was in the command of Major Chaffe (now lieutenant-general). Politically, Mr. Slaine is a supporter of the Democratic party and has served as official court interpreter for Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, for the past sixteen years. Of his religious faith it may be said that he adheres to that of the Roman Catholic church, and is a member of several benevolent societies. After leaving the army Mr. Slaine did clerical work for the deceased Imperial and Royal Hungarian Consul, Max Schamberg, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and in 1890 was employed by John Dunhill, a steamship agent at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Since 1894 he has been engaged in conducting a trans-Atlantic shipping office, chiefly for passengers and foreign exchange business, issuing drafts, or letters of credit. He was married at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1892, to Anna C. Hoebing, daughter of Herman and Christina Hoebing. Mrs. Slaine's father was a carpenter by occupation. Their children were: Josephine, born October 14, 1894, died November, 1896; Rose Amelia, born October 28, 1896; Vincent R., born April 21, 1898; George H., born September 21, 1899; Joseph B., born March 20, 1902; Dorothy C., born January 28, 1905. These children were all born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Slaine has been







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an uncommonly active, aggressive citizen of his adopted country and has a fine education, both in English and in several other languages. He has been a loyal citizen and is a prosperous business man.

**WILLIAM F. SCHEIBLER.** The Scheibler family is German. The first member of the branch which located in Pennsylvania was George Scheibler (I), who came from Germany in 1700 and effected settlement in Montgomery county. His wife's christian name was Catherine. They were pioneer farmers, and reared two sons and one daughter: George, Catherine and Frederick Schiebler. They were of the Zwingle Reformed church faith. The son George went to North Carolina and became judge of the circuit court. Catherine remained at home, single.

(II) Frederick Scheibler, youngest child of the American ancestor and his wife, was born 1763, died in 1843, aged eighty years, and was buried in Hempfield township, in the old schoolhouse cemetery grounds known as Feightners. They espoused the Reformed religious creed and were devout members of that body. Politically Frederick Scheibler was a firm supporter of Jeffersonian Democracy. He owned a farm, and taught school in the German language in the borough of Greensburg in an old log school house. He had the honor of establishing the first bank of Greensburg, and used to drive back and forth from his farm nights and mornings while attending to the banking business. His early life was an exceptional one for hard experiences, hair-breadth escapes and real romance. When but fifteen years of age he, being well developed physically, was received as an enlisted soldier in the Continental army. He was soon captured and made a prisoner of war by the British forces and sent to the military prison on one of the West India Islands, but made his escape by being befriended by an American sympathizer who conducted a tavern on the island. When he entered the tavern he was a dejected, dirty, ragged youth, whose very condition appealed to the sympathy of the innkeeper, who told him unless he would disguise that very night the officers from the prison would be there in the morning and doubtless recapture him. Consequently it was planned that he be thoroughly cleaned and dressed in a good suit of clothes and provided with a wig, or queue, then commonly worn. To the queue as a disguise he attributed his escape, and he continued to wear the queue up to his death. The officer came to search the tavern in the early morning and was informed that no person of the description given was there. He then went to the bar of the inn and there beheld his prisoner in the *role* of a neatly dressed bartender, so perfectly disguised that he was not detected. He, too, was questioned about the escaped prisoner of war, but feigned to be entirely ignorant of the person sought after by the British officer, who finally purchased a drink and drank with the new bartender. The sequel of this narrative was that he remained in the employ of the innkeeper for six years, during which period he accumulated a good sum of money, and then sailed for New York, but was shipwrecked off the coast and clung to the wrecked vessel for forty-eight hours, after which he was picked up by a passing boat and landed in New York. From that city he walked the entire distance to his home in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, having lost all of his possessions when ship was wrecked except two dollars in his vest pocket. His ambition while on the islands was to save his money, return home, purchase a fine team of horses and give his people a big surprise, but the fates decreed otherwise. The family during these seven long years of absence had never heard from him and believed

him dead. Just as he was nearing the home place he met his father and brother, who were haying. A small stream had to be crossed by means of foot-logs, one of which was on either side of the wagon road. The father started on one and the "prodigal son" was about to take the same log, thinking his father would know him, but the father then retraced his steps towards the other foot-log and they finally passed over the stream on different paths—the son going on to the house in which he was born. His shoes had given out and he was barefooted, and his attire covered with dust of travel made him present a sorry sight. He seated himself on the door step beside a sister who was spinning, and said he by her permission would rest a while. He asked many questions and finally called for the "lady of the house," from whom he requested something to eat. This was soon provided him. While eating he asked the good woman what had become of a lock of hair she had taken from *his* head in childhood, whereupon the mother carefully scrutinized her caller and soon discovered her own long lost boy. The timid maiden who had been so shy threw off her restraint and embraced her brother. He was of a roaming disposition, and after a short stay at home started westward, and finally halted in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, having walked from Montgomery county over the mountains. Here he settled and married Salome Leichty, of a prominent family, and the greataunt of the late Hon. Eli Leichty. She was born in 1763, died February 5, 1839. By this union one son was born—John Jacob Scheibler. Frederick, the father, was of the Reformed church, and in politics a Democrat.

III. John Jacob Scheibler, only son of Frederick and Salome (Leichty) Scheibler, was born in 1788, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, at a point near the present borough of Youngwood. He died October 7, 1861. He was a sturdy farmer, and supported the Democratic party. He, too, was of the Reformed church faith. He married Catherine Truxel, daughter of John Truxel and wife; she died May 4, 1841, and was buried in the cemetery aforementioned. To John Jacob and Catherine (Truxel) Scheibler were born: John, Jacob, William, Elizabeth, Hannah and Sarah. John and Jacob remained at home and fell heir to farms formerly possessed by their father. William migrated to Iowa, where he spent the greater part of his life and where his descendants reside.

IV. John Scheibler, eldest son of John Jacob and Catherine (Truxel) Scheibler, born April 22, 1810, died October 2, 1887. He married, May 13, 1830, Mary Sell, daughter of Jacob Sell and wife, Rev. Nicholas P. Hacke performing the ceremony. Mrs. Scheibler was born April 4, 1811, died May 5, 1883, and was buried in the old cemetery, but the remains were removed to the St. Clair cemetery at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. John Scheibler were: Simon G., born March 25, 1832, of Greensburg, Pa.; Sarah, born June 7, 1834, married Jackson Baker, of Holton, Kansas; Hannah, born October 16, 1836, married Rev. T. F. Stauffer, of Sioux City, Iowa, and is now deceased; Julia, born January 1, 1839, married Josiah Rumbough; Uriah Frederick, born March 23, 1841, married Mary Sutman; he died June 7, 1905; John S., born January 29, 1844, married Sally Clarke, of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania; she died in 1881; he moved to Abilene, Kansas, where he still resides; Jacob, born August 24, 1846, died April 12, 1890; Isaac P. O., born June 23, 1849, died single September 8, 1873; William F., born September 28, 1851, of whom later; Eli, born January 24, 1854, married Alice Weimer, resident of Hempfield township.

V. William F. Scheibler, the second youngest son of John and Mary (Sell) Scheibler, born September 28, 1851, obtained a good common school education and attended the county normals. He then followed the profession of a teacher in the Westmoreland county schools for a period of eleven years. He farmed some during this time and taught winter school. In the spring of 1889 he removed to the Fifth ward of Greensburg borough, known as "Bunker Hill," where he engaged in general merchandising, which business has grown to one of large proportions and which he still conducts. His annual sales have been as high as \$35,000. He began in a modest way and his good wife attended to the little store, while he "hustled" in the country purchasing and trading for live stock and country produce, until the town grew up around him, increasing his trade until his whole time with that of several clerks was required to handle the large volume of business. He also handled real estate to quite an extent, and became a prosperous business factor of the borough. For several years he has been engaged by the officers of the Street Railway Company to secure right-of-way along the rural lines. In brief his has been an active career, built up by energy and strict integrity. While other men have sought ease and trifling pleasures, Mr. Scheibler applied his every energy in the direction of his business, which has been crowned with an almost phenomenal success. He is a Democrat in politics. While too busy in the marts of trade to seek out public office, he served his native township as school director, and upon moving to the borough of Greensburg, where he has lived and operated the past sixteen years, he was made a justice of the peace, serving five years; also member of the school board. He and family are members of Reformed church.

He married, September 29, 1874, at Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania, Catherine E. Brugh, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Brugh, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. F. Stauffer. Their children were: Stella L., born December 25, 1875, married Harry E. Blank, an attorney of Greensburg, and they have a daughter, Catherine Virginia, born September 12, 1902. Harry S., born July 27, 1877, married Jessie Overly, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and their children are: Ruth E., born March 13, 1900, and Helen Reed, born October 12, 1902. He is a traveling salesman for the Allen Kirkpatrick Grocery Company, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Florence Ethel, born November 11, 1885, at home. At both the store and the residence of Mr. Scheibler are to be seen the evidence of education and refinement. The family are greatly attached to one another, even to the rosy-cheeked grandchildren, who are of the seventh generation from the founder of the family in America, George Scheioler, who landed in a strange land in 1700.

THE MARTZ FAMILY is of German origin. Charles Martz and wife Katharine were the parents of Daniel Martz, who was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1820. He was a shoemaker. He married Sara Richard, born August 2, 1818. By this union were born: Lucinda (Mrs. Hill), born January 25, 1848; Maria (Mrs. Willard Stewart), born September 4, 1849; James Dougherty, born 1851; John, born February 25, 1854; Katharine born April 3, 1856, died June 8, 1885; Mary, (Mrs. Updegraff), born March 18, 1860.

James D. Martz, son of Daniel and Sara (Richard) Martz, born 1851, married (first) Margaret Jane Amalong, born June 2, 1857. Their children were: Martha Jane, born December 13, 1876; George W., born February 22, 1878; Lebens Bigelow, born March 12, 1880; Boyd Ellsworth,

born October 6, 1881; Anna Maud, born March 14, 1884; Clara Edith, born February 2, 1886. The mother died September 8, 1886, and Mr. Martz married (second) April 3, 1888, Lucy Melinda (Fry) Alexander, the daughter of George and Lovinia Fry. She was born November 10, 1851. By the last marriage one child was born, Leroy, August 14, 1889.

George W. Martz, son of James D. and Margaret Jane (Amalong) Martz, was born February 22, 1878. He received a good common school education, and with his brother engaged in the billiard parlor and restaurant business at Greensburg, and is still of the firm of Martz Brothers in the same line of business. In politics he is a Republican, and is numbered among the members of the First Lutheran Church of Greensburg. Mr. Martz married, December 24, 1902, Mary Agnes Ashbough, daughter of William Jefferson and Julia Etta (Cunningham) Ashbough. The father was born August 5, 1858, and the mother August 5, 1862. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ashbough were: Mary Agnes, born September 26, 1885; Rose May, born April 30, 1887; Bessie Irene, born February 16, 1892; William Alvin, born September 8, 1894; John Milton, born August 21, 1897; Ruth Jenette, born February 6, 1902. The children of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Martz are: Mary Zelma, born October 19, 1903; George Everett, born April 26, 1905.

CYRUS M. FUNK, a prosperous farmer and saw mill operator of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is descended from a family which was among the pioneer settlers of the state.

(I) Christian Funk, the founder of the Funk family in the United States, came from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and settled in Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He had received a common school education, and pursued the occupation of milling and farming. He was a member of the United Brethren church. He married, and among his children was a son Abraham S.

(II) Abraham S. Funk, son of Christian Funk, (1), married, and had a son Christian.

(III) Christian Funk, son of Abraham S. Funk (2), was twice married. Two sons of the children of the first wife are prominent ministers in the United Brethren church, Abraham, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Ross, in Dayton, Ohio, where he is also at present publishing agent of the United Brethren Publishing House. Several of the sons of the first wife were noted as being exceedingly stout and of great strength. Among the children of the second wife were: David, of whom later; Joseph, and Simon. All of these are deceased.

(IV) David Funk, son of Henry Funk (3) and his second wife, was born in Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1817. He was educated in the common schools of the district, and followed the occupation of farming. He was a Democrat, and a member of the United Brethren church. He married Hester Gross, born in New Stanton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Zutzk) Gross, both natives of Westmoreland county. Joseph Gross lived in New Stanton many years, taught school there, kept a general store, was a justice of the peace, and was elected clerk of the court of the county. He was one of the founders of the United Brethren church in Greensburg, and spent the latter years of his life in that town. His wife survived him by but a few years. The children of David and Hester (Gross) Funk were: Joseph G., who was killed in the battle of Petersburg, during the Civil war; Simon K., of Vinland, Kansas; Cyrus M., of whom

later; Christopher, of New Stanton, Pa.; William, of Cribbs, Westmoreland county; Susana, died young; Malinda E., deceased, was the wife of Cyrus Hodgekin; Mary E., wife of Robert F. Albright; Henry Z., of Jeanette, Pennsylvania; Catherine, wife of John Irwin; two died in infancy; and David M., of Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

(V) Cyrus M. Funk, son of David and Hester (Gross) Funk, was born in Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1846. He was educated in the common schools of his native town, and upon leaving them turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been very successful. His farm is a model of neatness and thrift, and as he understands farming thoroughly he has made his land very productive. During the Civil war he was ready to bear his share in the defence of his country, and served as a private in Company E, Captain Clark L. Brant, Two Hundred and Sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He entered the service September 1, 1864, and was honorably discharged June 26, 1865, at the close of the war, at Richmond, Virginia. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the United Brethren church, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He contributes liberally to the Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and to the Church Erection Society.

J. K. LONG. Among the active and representative citizens of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania may be mentioned the name of J. K. Long, who was born one mile south of the town in which he now resides, Greensburg, in Hempfield township, October 27, 1863. He is the youngest child in the family of Samuel and Mary (Scepter) Long, and a grandson of Nicholas Long, who was one of the early settlers of Westmoreland county.

Samuel Long (father) was born in the vicinity of Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, 1822. During early life he learned the trade of blacksmith, which occupation he followed continuously up to the year 1881, in addition to that of buying and selling coal, which latter line of work he engaged in for several years. He purchased in 1881, his present farm, which is now under a high state of cultivation, and therefore very productive. He has always been an active and earnest worker in the interests of the Democratic party, particularly in Westmoreland county, and being a careful student of politics his counsel was often sought and followed. He married Mary Scepter, daughter of Fred Scepter, in 1845. Their family consisted of six children.

J. K. Long attended the common schools of Hempfield township, thereby thoroughly qualifying him for an active, useful life. He accepted, in 1881, a position as teacher in the common schools, and continued as such for eight consecutive terms, discharging his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. In January, 1889, he was appointed deputy clerk by James D. Best, clerk of the courts of Westmoreland county, and the duties pertaining to this responsible position were performed in a highly creditable and efficient manner, winning for him the approbation of his chief. He is a firm believer in the principles as laid down by Thomas Jefferson, and in the politics of Westmoreland county he takes a keen and active interest. Mr. Long was married in December, 1889, to Rosella Spiegel, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Spiegel.

JOHN H. MCINTYRE. Few names are more familiar to the citizens of Greensburg than is that of John H. McIntyre. He is a son of John and Sarah (Wentzell) McIntyre, and was born April 18, 1875. He received his education in the common schools of Hempfield township, finishing his studies at the age of sixteen, when he went to learn the painter's trade with his uncle L. P. Went-

zell. That he was as diligent and apt to learn in the shop as he had been in the school room is proved by the fact that in the course of time he bought out his uncle, and has since successfully conducted a paint shop in Greensburg. He has displayed much business enterprise and is in all respects a useful and worthy citizen. He married Bertha, daughter of Joseph R. and Emma Klingensmith, and they are the parents of two children: William and Grace.

**WILLIAM N. DAVIS.** One of the county's enterprising business men is William N. Davis, of Greensburg, born November 23, 1873, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, son of Isaac and Lucy (Remaley) Davis, both natives of the same county.

Until reaching the age of fifteen William N. Davis attended the common schools of his native county, and then for two years was engaged in agricultural pursuits. At the end of that time he took a position as clerk in a general store at South Greensburg, where he remained six years. He then opened a general feed store on Mount Pleasant street, at the Pennsylvania railroad crossing, where he has since conducted a flourishing business. He deals extensively in everything pertaining to his line of trade. He takes an active interest in everything relating to the welfare of the community, and supports with his voice and vote the principles advocated and upheld by the Democratic party. Mr. Davis married, April 12, 1900, Laura V. Searight, and they have two children: Oliverette Jennie, born August 6, 1901; and William Remalia Derry, born July 23, 1903. Mrs. Davis was born in 1877, in Pittsburg, and is the daughter of Samuel and Oliverette (Cunningham) Searight, both natives of that city.

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Ebenezer Moore, the youngest of Robert Moore's six children, was born August 3, 1793. He moved to the old Blackstone farm in Tyrone township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania in 1846, and added to the farm by the purchase of one hundred and fifty acres of adjoining land. These two farms were heavily underlaid with coal, and it was here that the coke interests were started, which have since been developed by his sons J. W. and P. H. Moore. Ebenezer Moore was six feet in height, and a man of commanding presence. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, and a Democrat in politics. He represented Westmoreland county in the legislature in 1844, and it is an interesting fact that he received all the votes except five that were cast in his own township. He was married in May, 1833, to Nancy Blackstone Hurst, daughter of James and Sarah Hurst, of Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. They had six children: one died in infancy; Sarah Jane, died February 23, 1858, at the age of thirteen; James H.; Rev. R. B. Moore, D. D.; John W., the subject of this sketch and P. H. The old house is standing in which the father and children were born, and the farm has been in possession of the family for one hundred and twenty-five years.

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uated in 1856. In his early life he was extensively engaged in stock dealing in Westmoreland, Fayette, and Greene counties. Mr. Moore practically retired from that business in 1873. He made an investment in the Connellsville Coke industry (at that time just attracting public notice) and formed a partnership with James Cochran, Solomon Kiester, and James Hurst for the manufacture of coke at the Summit Coke Works, near Broad Ford, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. After six years he withdrew from this firm, purchased the Red Stone Coke plant, three miles south of Uniontown, and engaged in the coke business with his brother, P. H. Moore. Colonel J. S. Schoonmaker was admitted as a partner in 1881, and four years later J. W. Moore withdrew. He bought two thousand acres of coal land in Mount Pleasant township in 1879, where he built the "Mammoth Coke Works," and put in operation six hundred ovens. He increased his coke business in 1889 by the purchase of the "Wynn Coke Works, near Uniontown. He sold, August 23, 1889, his entire coke interest to the H. C. Frick Coke Company for a large sum, and practically withdrew from active business. He died February 19, 1893.

Mr. Moore was married, November 22, 1860, to Elizabeth Stauffer, a daughter of M. B. and Charlotta Stauffer, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and they had six children. Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer Moore has a beautiful home at Greensburg, and is largely interested in its charities. She also maintains a fine winter establishment in Washington, D. C.

DAVID PORTER HUDSON, an enterprising business factor of the city of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born May 4, 1875, in Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, son of William and Mary (Kepple) Hudson. The paternal grandfather was William Hudson, whose parents lived in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and moved to Westmoreland, settling at Pleasant Unity, when he was a small boy. William Hudson, Sr., was a farmer by occupation. He was a supporter of the Republican party from its organization, and in religious matters affiliated with the Presbyterians. He married Sallie Fishel, of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. William Hudson, Jr., was a native of Westmoreland county, also a farmer and stockman. He married Mary Kepple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kepple, of Salem township, Westmoreland county.

David Porter Hudson, son of William Hudson, Jr., and his wife, Mary Kepple, received a common school education and later attended the Greensburg Seminary. After leaving school he engaged in the real estate business, and for three years has been connected with the Westmoreland Savings & Trust Company. He is one of the directors of the Westmoreland Grocery Company and the Greensburg Finance Company; one of the organizers and directors of the Pleasant Unity National Bank; and director of the Westmoreland & Savings and Trust Company. Politically Mr. Hudson is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He is the present treasurer of the borough of Greensburg. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church, and of the B. P. O. E., Lodge No. 511. October 25, 1899, he was married to Eva Ammann, daughter of Fred and Laura (McDowell) Ammann, of Orrville, Ohio. Mrs. Hudson received a liberal education at Mount Union College of Alliance, Ohio.

WILLIAM THOMAS WELTY, who was one of the leading factors in the business circles of Westmoreland county, and a man who was always held in high esteem by his friends and business associates, was born at Delmont,

Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 5, 1862, a son of John H. and Margaret J. (Craig) Welty.

Daniel Welty, grandfather of William T. Welty, was born in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1806. He was an active member of the German Lutheran church, with which he was connected from his childhood to 1847, when he became one of the organizers of the English Lutheran church. He held office in this church for a long period of time, and during his membership, which continued until his death, the communion roll showed him absent but twice, and on both of these occasions he was unable to attend owing to illness. Mr. Welty married Barbara Bierer, and twelve children were born to them, seven of whom survive: Daniel, resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, wife of Rev. Samuel Aughey, geologist, late of Lincoln, Nebraska; Frank E., of Pittsburg; Thomas J., of Washington; Robert F., of Turtle Creek; Susan, wife of Rev. V. B. Christy, Ellerton, Ohio; and Clarissa, of Ada, Ohio. Daniel Welty married for his second wife Sarah A. Craig. His death occurred December 8, 1874, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His widow survived him several years. William B. Welty, son of Daniel Welty, participated in the Civil war. He was a member of the Flag Company, and fell in the battle of Antietam. In the same company were nine cousins, all of whom were wounded and one of whom later succumbed to his wounds.

John Henry Welty, the second child of Daniel Welty, and father of William Thomas Welty, was born in Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1834. He was reared at home, and early in life was an assistant in his father's store in Hannahstown, and later was employed for a year in the store of Lewis Trauger, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. His experience in these stores gained for him much valuable information relative to the mercantile business, which was of inestimable aid to him in later years. He subsequently engaged in the general mercantile business for himself in Delmont, Westmoreland county, there conducting an eminently successful and prosperous business for ten years. At the expiration of this time he removed to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he became a member of the firm of Welty Bros., in the carpet business, retaining his connection with this firm for four years. In 1886 he moved to Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in business, and was for a number of years one of the best known and highly respected merchants of that town. Mr. Welty was a consistent member of the Lutheran church for forty-five years. November 10, 1858, he was united in marriage to Margaret J. Craig, daughter of James and Jane (Brown) Craig, of Hannahstown, Pennsylvania. Her father was one of the well known farmers of that section. Their children were: Duella M., widow of J. M. Bortz, of Greensburg; Jennie, Blanche, Martha and William Thomas Welty. All of these children are deceased excepting Duella M., who resides in Greensburg. John H. Welty died July 20, 1901, after a useful and well-spent life.

William Thomas Welty, the second child and only son of John H. and Margaret J. (Craig) Welty, was but a boy when his parents moved to Pittsburg where they remained a short time. They then returned to Hannahstown, where William T. was reared. His early educational training was acquired in the common schools of this town and later at Greensburg Academy. In 1883 then in his twenty-first year, he went to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, to enter into the employ of Mr. Lewis Trauger, then one of the prominent dry-goods merchants of that town. His genial disposition soon won for him a host of friends in his newly adopted residence, and for fifteen years he held a responsible position in Mr. Trauger's business. In 1898 Lewis Trauger died, and Mr. Welty

purchased the entire stock of goods. This seemed a large undertaking, but it was one in which he prospered even beyond his own expectations, and in 1901 he purchased the building in which he transacted his business. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow-townsmen, won for him by the upright and general fair dealing which characterized all his business transactions. Mr. Welty was one of the leading members of the Zion Lutheran church, was for over twenty years a member of the church choir, was a deacon of the church for several years, and was always prominently and actively identified with Sunday school work. He was a member of the I. O. of H. and the J. O. U. A. M.

April 27, 1893, Mr. Welty was united in marriage with Ada S. Thomas, of Westmoreland county, daughter of Abraham W. and Sarah (Henry) Thomas. Her father, Abraham W. Thomas, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1839, a son of John and Catherine Thomas. He is a member of one of the old families of Westmoreland county, and has always been held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens. Until recent years his life was spent on his farm three miles east of Greensburg, but he is now a resident of Greensburg. When the great Civil war was in progress Mr. Thomas enlisted, September 14, 1863, in Company H, Seventy-sixth Regiment, serving until the close of the war when he was honorably discharged, July 18, 1865. He is a member of the G. A. R. In religious matters he affiliates with the Reform church, in the affairs of which he was always interested. Mrs. Welty's mother, Sarah (Henry) Thomas, was born in Hempfield township, daughter of Nathan and Sarah (Miller) Henry. Her death occurred in March, 1894. The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. Welty, which occurred September 24, 1903, was a great shock to all of Greensburg, his death being caused by a clot of blood in an artery leading to the heart. The evening previous to his decease he had been about his work as usual. By his death the community lost an honorable citizen, and a man whose character remained unblemished to the last. Mrs. W. T. Welty now resides in Greensburg with her daughter and only child, Margaret L. Welty. She is an intelligent and accomplished woman, an active church worker, and prior to her husband's death was a member of the church choir and a teacher in the Bible class of the church.

WILLIAM A. RODEHAVER, one of the enterprising business men of Westmoreland county, was born in Preston county, West Virginia, March 14, 1867, and was the son of George and Sevilla (Kelly) Rodehaver, one of nine children, five of whom survive: William A., Freeman, Greensburg; Amanda, wife of Rufus Kisner, of West Virginia; John, in the lumber business in West Virginia; and Emma, wife of Floyd Ringer, of West Virginia. William A. Rodehaver's wather was born in Preston county, West Virginia, in November, 1840. He is of German descent, and was reared on the home farm. During his young manhood he learned the trade of a miller, and worked as a journeyman miller for a number of years, later purchasing a mill which he still owns. He served three years and six months in the Civil war as a bugler, and is a member of the G. A. R. His wife, Sevilla (Kelly) Rodehaver, was born in Preston county, West Virginia, and was of German descent. She died in the early eighties, and Mr. Rodehaver married Clara Watson, by whom four children were born, three of whom are still living: Etta, Ada and Earl.

William A. Rodehaver was reared at home and educated in the common schools of his native place. When about eighteen years of age he commenced work at the carpenter trade with his father. About two years later he entered

into the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for several years. In January, 1889, he removed to Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he entered into the employ of the firm of Kelly & Jones, and while there learned the trade of moulder. He retained his connection with this firm until 1896, and for the four succeeding years he was variously engaged. Since 1900 he has followed carpentering and building, in which occupation he has been very successful. Mr. Rodehaver is an excellent citizen, industrious and energetic, and is one of South Greensburg's representative men. In political affairs he helps support the Republican party. He has served one year as street commissioner, one year as assessor, and is at present a member of the borough council. He is a member of Greensburg lodge, No. 366, K. G. E. He married, March 19, 1890, Minnie Blackson, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Shirey) Blackson, both of whom are still living and reside in Unity, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rodehaver, Ethel May, born January 9, 1891, and died October 11, 1891.

HENRY LOMESON KEAGGY is well known in Westmoreland county, as well as that entire section of Pennsylvania, having been for many years employed on the railroads in various capacities, and is at the present time (1906) manager of the Brothers large estate. The family which he represents came originally from Switzerland, but have been settled in America for a number of generations.

(I) John Keaggy, father of Henry Lomeson Keaggy, was born in Switzerland, and came to the United States about 1825. He was a stone mason by occupation, and died in 1843. He married Margaret Lomeson, born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, 1811, died in Allegheny City, 1893. She was the daughter of John and Ann (Fulkerson) Lomeson, the latter born in Danville, Pennsylvania. John Lomeson (grandfather) built a grist mill at Cherry Run. They had six children, none of whom are now living and among whom were: William, was a farmer and died in Armstrong county; John, was a farmer and died in Michigan; Jerry, died near Homer, Indiana county, Pennsylvania; Henry, who studied medicine, became a prominent physician, and amassed a fortune, which he left to a nephew, Dr. J. B. Keaggy, who lives in Allegheny City, is married but has no children.

John and Margaret (Lomeson) Keaggy had six children: William, married; Margaret, married; Lucy, deceased, married Erastus Gray, who was a railroad engineer and was killed by falling in front of his own engine at Bar-docks, on the old Pittsburg & Connellsville Railroad; David, married; Henry Lomeson, of whom later; and John, married.

(II) Henry Lomeson Keaggy, third son and fifth child of John and Margaret (Lomeson) Keaggy, was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1845. He was raised on the farm, receiving a common education, and at the age of fifteen years enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, December, 1860. He served with the Army of the Potomac until September, 1862. He was in six battles and displayed bravery and courage remarkable in one so young. He was wounded in the first battle at Fredericksburg, and was sent to the hospital where he lay for two months and was then sent home. He commenced working on the Pittsburg and Cleveland Railroad in the capacity of brakeman, and worked his way up through the various positions of conductor and train dispatcher until 1899, when he assumed the management of the Brothers' estate, at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He is considered a very efficient and cap-







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the younger and his services are highly satisfactory to the congregation. Margaret Kissig Parke, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, 1848, daughter of Robert Matthias Parke, a Methodist minister, who now preaches at the church in Allegheny City, preaches there, and is a member of the Synod. Mr. M. Parke had a family of five children, two of whom are now living, but two are now living: Margaret Kissig, wife of the Rev. J. Kissig, and John.

EMOR M. GARWOOD is one of the prominent members of the younger generation of Greensburg, and is the first one of his name in the county. For over a century the Garwoods have been prominent citizens of Fayette county, the family estate being located south of Brownsville, in Luzerne township. The original Garwood family came from England and settled among the western part of Pennsylvania. Obed Garwood removed from his native county to Fayette county, purchasing four hundred acres of land in Luzerne township, November 16, 1783. His son Obed succeeded to the land and died in Fayette county. Benedict Garwood, his son, brought a large family on the old homestead in Fayette county, and George, the youngest son, was born there in 1831. George Garwood was married to Rachel New, a native of Fayette county in 1861. He died September 28, 1903, and his widow survived less than a year, dying June 25, 1904. They had nine children: named respectively, Edith E., Charles S., Emory C., forward; Albert C., Frank E., Harry Clyde, Nathan C., Bessie E., and Evelyn L., the latter being the wife of W. S. Rader of Greensburg.

In September, 1887, Emor M. Garwood left the home and going with him in business for himself in Streator, Illinois, where he was engaged as bookkeeper for Powers Brothers, a large hardware firm. He was afterwards assistant manager of the freight department of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad at Streator. Leaving Illinois in 1889, he came to Greensburg, Fayette county, and shortly afterward removed to Westmoreland county, where he was proprietor of the Bell House in Scottsdale. He was later engaged in Greensburg as manager of the Monahan Hotel, and later of the Zimmerman Hotel, which has since been singularly successful in its management. He married, July 26, 1887, Katharine Chalmers, daughter of T. H. and Elizabeth Cline, of Brownsville. They have four children, but one of whom, Marie Chalfant, is living. They are members of the First Episcopal Church, of Greensburg. The Garwoods have been Republicans since the birth of the party in 1856, and prior to that were Whigs. Emor Garwood has always been an active worker in the Republican party, casting his first vote for Benjamin Harrison in 1888. Though an earnest worker in the party, he has never sought official position. He is now, however, prominently known of as a candidate for sheriff of Westmoreland county, in 1907, and his long-continued prompt business principles and substantial character eminently fit him for the position.

JAMES CARROLL. A type of the successful self-made business man is found in James Carroll, of Greensburg. Mr. Carroll's father, J. S. Carroll, was a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he raised his family as a farmer. He married Catherine McElhenny, and their children were: Charles, deceased; James, of whom later; William, deceased; Hannah, deceased; and Mary, widow of E. J. McEllee, of Mount Pleasant. A few little



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EMOR M. GARWOOD is one of the prominent business men among the younger generation of Greensburg, and is the first of his family in Westmoreland county. For over a century the Garwoods have been land-owners and prominent citizens of Fayette county, the family estate being about three miles south of Brownsville, in Luzerne township. The original ancestors of the Garwood family came from England and settled among the Quakers in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Obed Garwood removed from Cumberland county to Fayette county, purchasing four hundred acres of land in Luzerne township, November 16, 1783. His son Obed succeeded to this land and lived and died in Fayette county. Benedict Garwood, his son, brought up a large family on the old homestead in Fayette county, and George, the youngest son, was born there in 1839. George Garwood was married to Rachel M. Haney, a native of Fayette county in 1862. He died September 28, 1903, and his widow survived less than a year, dying June 25, 1904. They had nine children, named respectively, Edith F., Charles S., Emor M., see forward; Albert G., Frank E., Harry Clyde, Nathaniel E., Bessie M., and Evelyn L., the latter being the wife of W. S. Rial, of Greensburg.

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more than infants Mr. Carroll's children were left fatherless, and their mother sold the farm and moved to Elizabeth, Allegheny county.

James Carroll, son of Joseph and Catherine (McIlhaney) Carroll, was born November 14, 1848, in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and was but eight years of age when his father died and his mother moved with her children to Elizabeth. He was educated in the common schools of that city, and about his fifteenth year apprenticed himself to the trade of carpenter in Pittsburg, where he remained until 1878, working at his chosen calling. He then went to Mount Pleasant where he worked for eight years as a carpenter and builder, and about 1886 moved to Greensburg where he has since been engaged in building. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Carroll married in 1872, Elvira J. Hart, of Indiana county. They were without children. In 1894 Mrs. Carroll died and Mr. Carroll has since remained a widower.

JOSEPH THOMAS. One of Greensburg's most successful citizens is Joseph Thomas. The parents of Mr. Thomas were both natives of Germany, having been born on the banks of the Rhine. William Thomas, his father, was a carpenter and cabinetmaker. He married Mary Anna Auen, and six children were born to them, three of whom survive: William, a florist at Sharon, Pennsylvania; Joseph, mentioned hereafter; and Agnes, wife of Frederick Muehlenbeck, of Tarentum, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. In 1881 Mrs. Thomas died, and in 1890 her husband followed their children to the United States, where he passed away in 1892.

Joseph Thomas, son of William and Mary Anna (Auen) Thomas, was born June 9, 1869, in Prussia, on the banks of the Rhine, and as early as his fourteenth year apprenticed himself to the trade of a florist. Previous to this time he had attended the public schools, and while learning his trade completed his education at the evening schools. In 1888 he came to the United States and accepted a position as landscape gardener for R. P. Duff, of Pittsburg. Later he worked in the same capacity for Mrs. McMasters, of Turtle Creek, and in 1890 became foreman for A. W. Smith, the well-known florist of Pittsburgh. This position he retained about eighteen months, and was then engaged as gardener and florist by St. Xavier's Academy of Westmoreland county, where he remained four years. He then went to Greensburg and for six months was employed by D. M. Sheerer. At this stage of his career Mr. Thomas engaged in business for himself as a florist and landscape gardener. He leased the Barclay lot on North Main street for seven years and there erected his greenhouses. In September, 1902, he purchased a portion of the Belvedere farm, two and one-half miles northwest of Greensburg, where he built extensive greenhouses and a substantial residence. His business, meanwhile, increased rapidly and he now stands at the head of his line of enterprise in Greensburg, having a salesroom in the Wealty building, on Ottoman street. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Thomas married in 1892, Henrietta Pickert, and seven children were born to them, six of whom are now living: Agnes, Marie, William, Frederick, Joseph and Robert. In 1902 Mrs. Thomas died. In 1903 Mr. Thomas married Susanna Clements, by whom he is the father of one child, Henrietta.

HARRY D. COSHEY, of the Henry S. Coshey undertaking and livery establishment, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born at Greensburg, June 3, 1861, one of the five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Coshey.





*Cyrus T. Long*



The Coshey family is French. Harry D. Coshey's paternal great-grandfather came from France to America at an early day and settled in Millersdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Seigfert, by whom one child was born, Samuel. She lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. The ancestor, Coshey (I), was killed by the falling of a tree, while felling timber in Westmoreland county.

(II) Samuel Coshey, grandfather of Harry D. Coshey, married Elizabeth Heasley of this county, who died when eighty-four years of age. He died, aged sixty-two years. They were the parents of ten children: Joseph, died in 1904, aged seventy-six years; Jacob, Cybilie and Louis, died young; Lebios, Lydia Ann, Henry S., Ellen, William and Robert, now living.

(III) Henry S. Coshey, the father of H. D. Coshey, was born February 18, 1836, four miles from Greensburg. In 1858 he married Elizabeth Everett, daughter of John Everett and wife. Anna (Everett) Coshey, died August 24, 1903, aged seventy-two years. Henry S. Coshey and wife were the parents of five sons: Charles, Harry D., John, Edward and William, all of whom are married and all associated with their father in business. The father learned the cabinet making trade, and from 1853 to 1858 was employed by others at this trade and had much to do as an undertaker. He embarked in business for himself in 1858, and continued as a furniture dealer at Greensburg until 1879, when he sold the stock and engaged in undertaking and general livery business in the same city and is still in business, assisted by all five of his sons. In his experience as an undertaker, covering more than a quarter of a century, and located in the same block for nearly all this period, he has cared for the remains of about ten thousand people. In 1905, with an expansion of the undertaking and livery business, Henry S. Coshey required more room than that afforded by his own pioneer quarters, hence bought the ground at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Tunnell street, and erected thereon a spacious brick building. It is ninety by one hundred and twenty-five feet on the ground, and three stories high. A suite of rooms for undertaking offices and morgue are on the first floor, convenient to the street. It is one of the finest business houses in the city. Mr. Coshey's livery business is large. He keeps twenty-five horses for hire, and boards from fifty to seventy-five more. He has ten closed carriages for funeral occasions, and three hearses. He counts his patrons by the thousand. Beginning in 1858, Mr. Coshey has been a reliable, trustworthy man, who has become widely known in Westmoreland county. Mr. Coshey received a common school education and learned the trade which was the foundation of his successful business career. The Cosheys, as a rule, are members of the Reformed church, and in politics are Democrats.

(IV) Harry D. Coshey obtained a fair common school training, and early engaged in business with his father, and is now in company with his brothers, relieving their venerable father of a lifelong responsibility in business affairs. He married Carrie Smith, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

CYRUS T. LONG, among the leading surveyors and most thoroughly accurate civil engineers of western Pennsylvania, as well as an ex-county surveyor of Westmoreland county, was born three miles north of Mount Pleasant, in Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1840, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Tedrow) Long. The American ancestor of the Long family was Jacob Long (grandfather), who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1759. He emigrated to America, served as a team-

ster in the war of the revolution, and came to Westmoreland county in 1803. He purchased a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres near Mount Pleasant, and died in 1841, at the age of eighty-two years. He had four sons and one daughter, all long since deceased.

Jacob Long (father of Cyrus T. Long) was born in Caernavon township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1797, and came with his parents to Westmoreland county when but six years of age. He was a highly successful farmer; a Republican in politics, and a staunch member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. In manners, he was a quiet, unassuming man, and died September 26, 1871. His wife was Elizabeth Tedrow, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tedrow, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. They had two children: Cyrus T., and Nancy, who married William G. Kell, now deceased.

Cyrus T. Long received his education in the common public schools, and at Sewickley Academy which he attended two and one-half years, when it was under the charge of Professors L. Y. Graham and W. A. Raub. He made a specialty of mathematics during his academic course, yet made much progress in Greek and Latin studies. He began reading law with Hon. Henry D. Foster in 1859, and four years later went to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he completed his legal studies with his cousin, Cyrus L. Pershing, who subsequently became judge of one of the eastern Pennsylvania counties. In September, 1864, Mr. Long was admitted to the bar of Cambria county, Pennsylvania, and in August, 1865, to the bar of Westmoreland county, but he soon forsook that profession for what seemed to be more to his natural liking—surveying, which profession he had commenced in his boyhood days. He was elected county surveyor in Westmoreland county in 1871, and re-elected in 1874. For a score of years and more he has been employed by individuals and large corporations to do their surveying. He is thoroughly competent in this line, and possesses a fine library on the subject, as well as a fine collection of the best standard books in literature and science. The universal opinion in this part of the state is that he has few equals and no superiors, as a practical engineer and surveyor. He married, July 8, 1872, Barbara S. Durstine, daughter of Henry Durstine, near Mount Pleasant. Their children were: 1. John D., born February 12, 1874; a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, with a degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania. For the last four years he has been practicing in the United States service at Manila, Philippine Islands. 2. Henry D., born March 13, 1876, a medical doctor, who graduated from Johns Hopkins University, and now located at Ellis Island, New York, in the service of the United States government. 3. Edwin C., born April 13, 1878, attended Washington and Jefferson College, but left prior to graduation. When the Spanish-American war came on, he enlisted from the college he was attending, as a private soldier for one year and was promoted to second lieutenant and served as such two years in the Philippine Islands, came home and was promoted to first lieutenant, and is stationed at San Francisco, California. He was appointed by President McKinley.

Mrs. Long died the last week in December, 1894, greatly mourned by a well reared family. Mr. Long is still vigorous, and attends to the duties of his profession with the same skill and industry, as would one a score of years younger. Politically he is a Democrat, but he has never taken to campaign work, preferring to attend strictly to the calling of his life in which he is a master. He has had an active career in his profession, and there are many

results of his work in western Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Greensburg, his home.

**LEONARD J. DUFF.** Greensburg recognizes in Leonard J. Duff one of the most active and public-spirited of her citizens. He is a son of John Duff, born March 12, 1810, in Unity township, and married Elizabeth Temple, born October 4, 1821, in Westmoreland county. They had children: Vincent P., born 1840; John A., born 1842; Agnes, born 1844; Susan, born 1846; Selie, born 1849; Mary, born 1852; Rosa, born 1854; Maggie, born 1856; and Leonard J., mentioned hereafter. This large family has furnished to the community many good citizens.

Leonard J. Duff, son of John and Elizabeth (Temple) Duff, was born February 12, 1859, in Unity township, and obtained his education in the common schools. He takes an active part in public affairs, and the confidence with which he is regarded by his neighbors is sufficiently indicated by the number of offices to which they have elected him. He has served four years as supervisor, the same length of time as township clerk, and is now serving a term of three years as auditor. His political affiliations are with the Democrats. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Duff married in 1880, Sarah Foust, and they have children: Isabel J., born August 16, 1881, wife of Harry Lopes; Joseph M., born July 6, 1883, married Dora M. Shirey; John A., born March 6, 1886; Mary A., born January 15, 1890; and Clarence E., born May 30, 1893. The parents of Mrs. Duff were Joseph and Susan (Shaffer) Foust, and they had children: Elizabeth, born December 2, 1846; Mary, born April 6, 1848; Julia, born June 20, 1850; Susan, born January 26, 1852; Sarah, born April 2, 1854, and became the wife of Leonard J. Duff, as mentioned above; Shaffer, born January 11, 1857; John, born April 13, 1859; and Christian, born October 5, 1861. Mrs. Duff is a member of the Lutheran church.

**FAREWELL SKIDMORE.** One of the successful men of Greensburg is Farewell Skidmore. He was born October 6, 1848, in Sheffield, England, and is the son of Edward and Mary (Sayles) Skidmore.

Until reaching the age of thirteen, Farewell Skidmore attended the common schools, and then learned the steel smelter's trade. He emigrated, in 1872, to the United States, landing in New York on the first day of May in that year. He went to Lewistown, Pennsylvania, where he remained three years, and then moved to Pittsburg. In that city he was employed for seventeen years in Anderson and Wood's Steel works, prospering to such a degree that at the end of that time he was able to purchase property in Greensburg, whither he removed. He set out a grape vineyard from which he manufactures fourteen varieties of wine for which he finds a market in various states of the union, and he also deals largely in fruit of all kinds. He married, March 6, 1869, Catherine Melvin, and their children were: Mary Ann, born December 29, 1869, died April 9, 1871; Ada, born January 29, 1871; Mary, born June 21, 1872, died August 1, 1873; Farewell, born February 10, 1874, died August 17, 1874; Charles, born in 1874, died same year; Farewell Earnest, born June 28, 1875; and Lillie, born in 1879, died same year. Mrs. Skidmore was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Melvin, and was born May 10, 1848, in Sheffield, England. Her husband and family suffered the affliction of losing her by death October 23, 1902.

**WILLIAM A. HENSEL,** son of Jacob B. and Mary A. (Bash) Hensel was born in Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1859, and is descended from German

ancestors who were early settlers in this county. After completing the course in the common schools William A. Hensel attended Delmont Academy two years. Leaving school at the age of eighteen he taught two terms in Delmont and nine terms in the country schools. Following this he was a clerk in a store for two years. In 1890 he was elected county editor for three years. After completing that service he engaged in the agency business, which he still carries on. The only society of which he is a member is the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He married, August 16, 1883, Margaret J. Thomas, daughter of Major Cyrus and Eliza (Ernest) Thomas, born March 6, 1860, in Hempfield township. They have children: Bertram T., deceased; Cyrus Taylor, deceased; Mable E., Sarah M., and Mary A.

**DAVID M. DENMAN.** One of Greensburg's most respected citizens is David M. Denman, a son of John and Harriet (Hogland) Denman, born July 9, 1833, in Herkimer county, New York.

David M. Denman received his education in the common schools of his native state, and at the age of fifteen began to learn the carriage-maker's trade, which he followed for eight years. He then engaged in farming and for eighteen years devoted himself to this occupation. He kept forty-five cows and carried on a large dairy business. Deciding finally to relinquish his agricultural labors he sold the farm and moved to Greensburg, where he engaged extensively in the shoe business, conducting a factory and two stores. In 1895 he sold the factory and now conducts but one store. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Greensburg. Mr. Denman married in 1858, Emma Whiteman, born February 15, 1838, in Springfield, Otsego county, New York, and their children are: 1. Frederick B., who lives at Butler, married Julia Bard and has four children; Nelson, Thomas, Hancock and John. 2. Everet N., who has always followed the shoe business, and is now engaged with his father in Greensburg, married Mary Kuhns, and has three children: Rachel K., David M. and Mary E. 3. Minard R., married Metta Roberts, of Moundsville, West Virginia, and has one child, Adelaide. 4. Elgirtha, unmarried, and resides at home. 5. Ethel B., wife of J. Frank Beatty, and mother of two children, Elizabeth and Frank.

**JOSEPH FRANKLIN KLINGENSMITH.** One of the well-known men of Hempfield township is Joseph Franklin Klingensmith. He is the son of Joseph Klingensmith, who was born in 1800, in Allegheny township, and married Catharine, daughter of Michael Frey, of Unity township. Their children were: Joseph Franklin and Levi Kemp Klingensmith. Mr. Klingensmith, the father, died in 1886, in Hempfield township.

Joseph Franklin Klingensmith, son of Joseph and Catharine (Frey) Klingensmith, was born June 20, 1858, in Hempfield township, and received his primary education in the public schools. He afterward studied for two years at Greensburg Seminary, leaving in 1880 in order to devote himself to his chosen pursuit of agriculture. In 1890, in partnership with William S. Turney, of Greensburg, he embarked in the ice and commission business in that town, the firm being known as Klingensmith & Turney. They were the first to enter upon that line of business in their section of the county. Later in the same year he purchased the "Gilchrist farm" in Hempfield township, two miles west of Greensburg, and decided to lead thenceforth the life of a farmer and stockman. Intrusting the care of the interests of the firm to Mr. Turney, he has since devoted himself with marked success to farming and dairying. Mr. Klingensmith

married, October 12, 1882, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Margaret M., daughter of John and Mary Ruff, of Hempfield township, and they are the parents of the following children: Irene Estella, John Mac, Levi Franklin, Mary Naomi and Margaret Josephine, all living.

B. FRANKLIN VOGLE, one of the editors and proprietors of the *Westmoreland Democrat*, was born in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1854, and is the youngest son of Augustus and Mary Ann Vogle.

His grandfather, Augustus Vogle, lived and died in Germany, where he was in active military service for fifty-six years, during the greater part of which he held the high rank of chief-of-staff in the army of the Grand Duke of Hesse. On his retirement from the army he was signally honored by a banquet given by the king, who also presented him with a silver tankard on which was engraved a befitting inscription as a token of esteem.

Augustus Vogle (father) was born in the city of Darmstadt, Germany, October 1, 1815, and was educated in the military institutions of that country. Shortly after his graduation he was placed in command of the military post at Mayence, on the Rhine, a strongly fortified station of much importance on the border between France and Germany. He held the rank of captain, and had flattering prospects of high advancement, but owing to some differences with his superior officers, and being a firm believer in the Republican form of government, he resigned his position and came to the United States in 1839, being then twenty-four years of age. Coming to Westmoreland county almost directly, he engaged in the tanning business at Greensburg, and soon invented a process which so facilitated the art of tanning that results formerly requiring nine months were attained in one-fifth of that time. His new process was adopted widely throughout the country, and the art of tanning was practically revolutionized. He was successfully engaged in the tanning business until his sudden death, which resulted from drinking ice water while heated by work; he died March 9, 1856. Mr. Vogle was a man of literary taste and ability, and left behind him a number of sketches and short poems, some of which gave evidence of much merit. He was one of the founders of Odd Fellowship at Greensburg, having organized the first lodge of that place. Decided in his convictions, strong and impulsive in disposition, upright in character and bright in intellect, he was a man whose influence for good was felt, and whose impress was necessarily left on his generation. He was a typical blue eyed German, a pronounced Democrat, and an active member of the Lutheran church. His wife was Mary Ann, a daughter of Michael Winsheimer, by whom he had five children. The Winsheimers originally came to this country from near Nuremberg, Germany, at an early period in the history of Westmoreland county. Mrs. Mary A. Vogle died at her home in Greensburg, September 12, 1892, in the sixty-seventh year of her age.

B. Franklin Vogle, a "worthy son of an illustrious sire," received his education in the public schools of Greensburg, and began active life as a printer, learning the trade in the office of the *Democrat*, edited at that time by Edward J. Keenan, a distinguished lawyer and noted politician. After completing his trade he and a company of others purchased the equipment of Frank Cowan's paper and established, in September, 1875, *The Democratic Times*, which had an existence of two years, Mr. Vogle being the real, and E. J. Keenan, Esq., the apparent editor, because of the almost continuous illness of the latter during that time. Mr. Vogle became, in 1877, the editor of *The Oil Times*, owned by

James F. Campbell, and published in the active oil field town of Edensburg, Clarion county, Pennsylvania. A year later he became city editor of *The Daily Breeze*, of Bradford Pennsylvania, which was afterwards merged into an established paper of that place, *The Daily Era*, of which journal he was for three years city and managing editor, and was at the same time the representative of the Associated Press for the northern oil region. During that period Mr. Vogle was likewise the special correspondent of that busy petroleum centre of several of the leading newspapers of New York and Philadelphia. Mr. Vogle removed to Pittsburg early in 1882, and was employed on the staff of *The Leader* of that city, and also did considerable work for several of the morning papers at the same time. He returned to Greensburg in November, 1882, and in company with T. R. Winsheimer purchased *The Westmoreland Democrat*, which they have ever since edited and published. *The Democrat* is a live weekly Democratic journal, and circulates largely among the old families of the county, being the second paper founded west of the Allegheny mountains, having been established on May 24, 1799. Mr. Vogle was the author of an interesting and beautifully illustrated history of Greensburg, published by Vogle and Winsheimer in 1899, the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of Greensburg as a borough. Mr. Vogle was elected a director of the Greensburg school district for terms covering a continuous period of ten years. From June, 1890, to June, 1900. He was also chosen and served as president of the school board for several years. At the regular annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association, held at Harrisburg, in January, 1903, Mr. Vogle was honored by election as president of the association for the ensuing year. He married, June 10, 1901, Minnie Jane Frederick, daughter of John C. Frederick, Esq., and Mrs. Martha Oliver Frederick, of Irwin. To Mr. and Mrs. Vogle has been born a daughter, Alice Augusta Vogle.

WILLIAM BORLAND NEEL, one of the successful and progressive business men of the country, was born near Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1826, the only son of Samuel and Rachel (Borland) Neel. He is of pure Irish descent, his ancestors on both sides having been natives of north Ireland. The progenitor of the Neel family in America was John Neel, who left his native land, sailing for American shores, and located in Dauphin county. He married, and had children: John, William, Robert, James, Margaret Cochran, Jane Clark, Eleanor Simpson, and Agnes Fleming. His death occurred October 7, 1792, in Dauphin county. Two of his sons, John and William, crossed the Allegheny mountains about 1770 and settled near Mount Pleasant, where they were married to two sisters of Samuel Warden, who was residing on the Warden farm one mile west of the present borough of Mount Pleasant.

John Neel, son of John Neel, senior, and grandfather of William Borland Neel, was an elder of the Presbyterian church and one of the six who held the first meeting of Redstone Presbytery, at Pigeon Creek, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1781. He married, May 23, 1775, Margaret Warden, and their children were: Robert, John, Samuel, Eleanor Vance, Margaret, Andrew, Martha Tittle and Mary Thompson.

Samuel Neel, third son of John Neel, Jr., was born in 1785, and was by occupation a farmer. He inherited a portion of the home farm and this he operated and lived upon until his death. He was industrious and prosperous, having in his possession a tract of land comprising one hundred and seventy acres located near Mount Pleasant. His political belief was in accordance with



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the old line Whigs, but after the formation of the Republican party he joined that organization. Like his father he was an elder in the Presbyterian church.

He married, April 1, 1812, Ruth Jack, and their children were: Lucinda Lytle, and Rev. J. J. Neel, who died February 10, 1852, aged thirty-three years. Ruth (Jack) Neel died in 1819, and Mr. Neel took for his second wife, Rachel Borland, June 25, 1822. She was the daughter of Samuel Borland, who emigrated from Ireland to America settling in "The Manor," Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming. He was an officer in the Revolutionary war. At the close he married Mrs. Lidia Gregg, at her father's home, Winchester, Virginia. They made their home for a few years in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, before moving to Westmoreland county. He was a Presbyterian and married Lydia Gregg, who was born in Winchester, Virginia, removing from there to Bedford, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Neel had children: William Borland, of whom later; Lydia G.; Ruth Shields; and Margaret A., who died November 28, 1884. Samuel Neel died October 28, 1862, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years, after a useful and well spent life. His wife survived him ten years.

William B. Neel acquired what education the subscription schools of those days afforded, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. Immediately after leaving the school room he engaged in farming, which occupation he has followed ever since, ever being attended with the greatest success in this line, and has now in his possession four hundred acres of valuable and fertile farm land, and also town property. In about 1859 he engaged in the stock droving business, in partnership with William J. Hitchman, continuing in this business for about twenty years. Mr. Neel was also largely identified with the coal and coke business of East Huntingdon township, and purchased extensive coal lands in West Virginia which he still has in his possession, but which have not yet been developed. He was also connected with Mr. Hitchman in the banking and real estate business for many years. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Mount Pleasant in 1865, and is still a director in that institution. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and takes the deepest interest in the welfare of that organization. He is also largely interested in educational pursuits, and served in his township for over ten years as school director. In matters of religion Mr. Neel adheres to the principles of the Presbyterian church, the denomination of his forefathers. He has been elder of his church since 1862, and represented the Red Stone Presbytery in the general assembly at Chicago in 1877, and again at Saratoga Springs in 1890. Mr. Neel is one of the representative men of Mount Pleasant, a leading factor in business circles of that place, and a man who by his liberal views, commendable industry, patient perseverance and genial, hospitable disposition, has won the confidence of his business associates and endeared himself to a host of warm and admiring friends. William B. Neel married Nancy J. Hurst, daughter of Nathaniel Hurst, a prominent citizen of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Their children were: John J., a civil engineer, of Greensburg, Pa.; Samuel, a farmer and contractor, of Westmoreland county; Rachel; Ella May; and Sarah H.

ALEXANDER POOL, of Greensburg, son of William and Eliza (Seanor) Pool, was born July 29, 1841, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. His grandfather Pool was a native of Germany and settled in America many years ago in Westmoreland county, where he married Polly McAfee, of Irish descent. William Pool and Eliza Seanor were born in Hempfield township.

Alexander Pool got such education as the schools of Hempfield afforded fifty years ago. At the age of twenty-one he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-Second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served two years and eleven months. While in the service he was sick two months, and was subsequently put on duty in the hospital for four months. After his return from the war he went to the oil fields of Pennsylvania where he worked at well drilling. Returning to his native township he worked one year for his uncle, Samuel Pool on a farm. He followed farming for himself until 1874 when he engaged in the mercantile business at Hunkers ten years, then engaged in the insurance business for three years. He then purchased a tract of timberland, and for two years was in the lumber business. In 1888 he purchased his present property, being the first lot sold in south Greensburg. He followed teaming one year, then entered the employ of Kelley and Jones, as inspector, remaining about thirteen years, and one year in the employ of the Hempfield Foundry Company. He then retired, and is now enjoying the fruits of his many years of industry. Mr. Pool was elected, February 20, 1906, tax collector for three years. He married December 25, 1866, Mary Jane Evans, born in Stark county, Ohio, April 23, 1837, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Jones) Evans. Their children are: William H., born October 20, 1867, married Ida Barnhart, and they have one child, Vern Pool; 2. Linda May, born June 5, 1868, married F. H. Byers, and their children are: John A., Herbert, Harry, Winifred, Mary, Anna and Clifford.

ROBERT A. RANKIN. The Rankin family, of which Robert A. Rankin is a member, came to Westmoreland county from Allegheny county in 1866. Robert Rankin, the grandfather of Robert A. Rankin, came with his family from county Derry, Ireland, in 1837, and settled in Allegheny county. The tradition is that four brothers had lived about four miles north of Londonderry, and that two of them came to America, from one of whom Robert, mentioned above, was a descendant.

John Rankin, Jr., the oldest son of Robert Rankin, was born October 21, 1821, and came to America as a member of his father's family, as above indicated, when he was sixteen years old. He was brought up on the farm and in his early years learned the tanner's trade, which he abandoned to resume farming, to which vocation he has given his entire life. He married in 1845, Eliza Jane Kelley, of Allegheny county, a daughter of Samuel Kelley. She died in March, 1879, and was buried in West Newton cemetery. They had nine children: Margaret C., intermarried with J. E. Cunningham, who lives in Rostraver township; Mary E., intermarried with A. G. Cunningham, who lives in Johnston county, Missouri; Martha Jane, intermarried with J. H. Smith, who lives in Rostraver township; Samuel Stewart, deceased; Robert A., referred to hereafter; Eliza Ann, unmarried and living at their home; John C., intermarried with Annie Culbert; William J., intermarried with Mollie Stevens, who lives in Rostraver township; and Sallie B., intermarried with John Rader, who lives in McKeesport. John Rankin, Jr., their father, although now past four score years and four, is yet living and in good health on the old homestead in Rostraver township.

Robert A. Rankin was born May 8, 1857, and brought up as a farmer. He entered the common schools and later spent three years in Jefferson Academy, Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, after which he returned home and engaged in farming. He was thus engaged until 1880 when he was appointed clerk in the prothonotary's office under John Rial. In June, 1889, he married Margaret



*Robert A. Rankin*



Belle Finley, of Rostraver township, a daughter of Thomas G. and Elizabeth T. Finley. Her ancestors were early settlers in the county. Her great-grandfather was Rev. James Finley, who assisted in organizing and was the first pastor of the old Rehobeth Church in Rostraver township, a church so noted in Westmoreland history. Among her family were other noted men: Rev. Samuel Finley, president of Princeton College in 1776; and Samuel Finley Breese Morse, the inventor of the electric telegraph. Robert A. Rankin was also clerk in the prothonotary's office under R. A. Hope, and was deputy prothonotary under Lewis Thompson. He was elected prothonotary of Westmoreland county in November, 1897, and filled the office in 1898, 1899 and 1900. In April, 1900, on the organization of the Westmoreland Savings & Trust Company of Greensburg, he was elected assistant secretary and treasurer of the institution, and filled that position until September, 1903, when the governor appointed him register of wills and clerk of the Orphans' court to succeed Samuel C. Stevenson, deceased. At the close of his term of appointment he was elected to the same position in 1905 by a majority over his opponent of 7823 votes. He has been president of the First National Bank of Webster since its organization, and all these positions he has filled with credit to himself and friends. Since coming to America the Rankins have been energetic and active in politics. The older members of the family were Whigs, who became Republicans upon the birth of that party. Robert A. Rankin has been twice elected chairman of the Republican committee, in 1900 and 1901, in which campaigns the party was successful, the majorities reaching from 4000 to 6000. For the last sixteen years he has been a resident of Greensburg. Both he and his wife were communicants of the old Rehobeth Church in Rostraver township before coming to Greensburg, since which time they have been members of the Westminster (Presbyterian) Church of Greensburg, of which Mr. Rankin has been a trustee and treasurer for many years.

JOHN GUY, a well known citizen of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and the possessor of a large farm which is justly prized for the size, variety and quality of its products, is a descendant of good Irish stock, as are many of the sturdy farmers of that vicinity.

William Guy, father of John Guy, was born in Ireland, in 1794, and emigrated to the United States in 1820, locating in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. William Guy became identified with the Democratic party, and was a member of the Episcopal church. He was a weaver by trade, but took up the occupation of farming in Hempfield township, Pennsylvania. He married (first) in Ireland, and had two children: A daughter who remained in Ireland when her father came to America; Richard, born November 1, 1816, who came with his father to America, and died in 1873. Richard Guy married Catherine Allshouse, of Hempfield township, and they were the parents of seven children, as follows: Mary, Samuel, Henry, Hester, Josephine, Sarah, and Frank, who lives in Kansas. William Guy married (second) in 1824, Sarah Frazer, of Sewickley township, Pennsylvania, and they had ten children, as follows: 1. Elizabeth, born February 6, 1826, married Robert McGill, of Hempfield township, Pennsylvania, and had five children: Frank, Elizabeth, Alexander, Annie, and Irwin. Mrs. McGill died in 1875. 2. James, born September 9, 1827, married Mattie Bortz, and had the following children: William, Sarah, Richard, Joseph, James, Andrew, Irwin, Jennie, and Adelia. 3. Susanna, born April 27, 1829, married Jonas Bortz, and they were the parents of nine children, four of whom died within a period of three weeks of diphtheria. Their only children now

living are: Albert, Annie, and Elizabeth. 4. William, born April 8, 1831, married Hannah Kepple, and had one child, Henry M., a carriage and wagon manufacturer in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. 5. Jacob, born June 7, 1833, married (first) Catherine Long, and they had one child, Elmer, a carpenter. Jacob married (second) Catherine Kistler, and they had the following children: Milton, Cora, Lydia, Sarah, Grace, Ettie, Jesse, Robert. 6. Sarah Jane, born March 10, 1836, married William Nipple, and had five children: Mary, Edward, Oliver, Ellen, Emery. 7. John, of whom later. 8. Henry, born April 5, 1841, a stone mason by trade, and has helped to build many of the most important of the public buildings in Greensburg, Pennsylvania; among these may be mentioned the old Greensburg Academy, the Greensburg Seminary, the Masonic Hall, and others. Mr. Guy is a member of the Second Lutheran Church of Greensburg, and is a Democrat. He married, November 19, 1868, Mary Anna Smail, daughter of John Smail, who was a farmer of Hempfield township. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guy were the parents of three children: Ella L. Melissa, John and William. Ella L. Melissa was born July 10, 1869, married Frank Shuey, a farmer of Hempfield township, and they had three children: Elsie, Edna and Charles. John was born April 23, 1873, married Susan Allshouse, a daughter of Reuben Allshouse, of Berry. They had one child, Helen. John Guy lost his life as the result of an explosion in the Edgar Thompson steel works at Braddock, December 26, 1904. William was born March 29, 1876, married Sarah Shuey, a daughter of John M. Shuey, a farmer and thrasher of Hempfield township. 9. Anna, born June 21, 1843. She married (first) William Keppler, and they had two children: Margaret Sarah and John. Mr. Keppler died in 1870, and his widow married Elijah J. Bricker and they have one child, Harry Bricker. 10. Agnes, born March 5, 1846, married Henry Piper, of Jeannette, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and they have three children, as follows: Emma, George, and William.

John Guy, fourth son and seventh child of William and Sarah (Frazer) Guy, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1839. He was brought up on his father's farm and received a good education, attending the common schools. He then learned the trade of a mason and plasterer, and has followed this occupation all his life in connection with the cultivation of his farm, which is very extensive. For some years, however, his time has been devoted almost exclusively to the farming industry, as was made necessary by the increased size of the crops, which was due to his progressive methods. Mr. Guy is always on the lookout for new and improved farming machinery and methods, and is ready to give them a fair and practical trial. As a result of this his farm is in excellent condition, and the yield of all crops—wheat, corn, oats, potatoes, etc.—is abundant beyond measure. His farm consists of a choice tract of forty acres. Mr. Guy is always ready to lend his assistance to any movement which will tend to the improvement or advancement of the community in which he lives. He married in 1862, Mary Elizabeth Kelly, daughter of John Kelly, a farmer of Hempfield township, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Guy had one child, Ida, who died in 1875.

HENRY M. GUY, only child of William and Hannah (Kepple) Guy, was born November 25, 1860, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and is a well known carriage and wagon maker of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Guy is of Irish descent, and a full account of his ancestry is given in the preceding sketch. William Guy, father of Henry M. Guy, was born April 8, 1831, was reared on a farm, educated in the common schools,





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engaged in farming and in connection with this part of his life he worked with his brother Richard. He followed him in the same field township until March 25, 1880, when he purchased a farm in the same township. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran church, and his wife, Elizabeth, married Hannah Kipple, and they had one son, Henry M. Guy.

Henry M. Guy received his education in the public school township, and at the age of seventeen years closed his school career on the old homestead and acted as assistant to his father in the duties of farm life. He continued this for about one year, and in 1881 moved to Greensburg and entered into a business connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for one year. He then returned to his father's farm, but the wagon making held out better prospects, and he engaged in this line of business, and has now (1921) been engaged for twenty-four years, with an unvaried degree of success. He is a member of Camp No. 18, W. W. He married, May 30, 1894, Anna, daughter of John and Martha (Anderson) Johnson, born at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1860. Mr. Guy is a member of the Lutheran church, and Mrs. Guy of the Reformed church of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL DILLINGER, a leading man of affairs in the development of Westmoreland county, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, October 28, 1800, of German descent in both parentages. Daniel Dillinger's father was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, August 6, 1787, and when young moved to the Allegheny mountains and located in Westmoreland county, near Erie. Here he was brought up on a farm, and when he arrived at the age of twenty years married Mary, a daughter of Samuel Myers. Their children were: Daniel, Christian, Joseph, Jacob, Abraham, Daniel, Elizabeth (married John Myers), Sarah, (married Michael Sheets), and Mary, married John Myers. Daniel Dillinger lived in the vicinity of Bethany until his death, which occurred February 9, 1847, at the age of fifty-seven years, his wife surviving him twenty-six years. After her husband's death she lived with her son Samuel at the home farm, where she died June 10, 1871, aged eighty-one years. Her husband and wife were buried in the Monroite cemetery, Huntingdon, Westmoreland county.

Samuel Dillinger, eldest child of Daniel and Mary (Myers) Dillinger, was brought up on the parental farm, and received but a limited education. Early in life he was employed by Martin Stauffer, near Jacob's Creek, where he learned the business of distilling. He married Sarah Loucks in 1831, and soon after they purchased and located on what is now known as the "Home farm," near Alverton. Their children were: Annie, married Joseph Hixson; Mary, married Abraham Sherrick; Catherine, married Moses Hixson; Sarah, married Jacob C. Fox; John L., married Mary McIntire; Elizabeth L., married C. T. Hixson; Eliza L., married A. A. Hasson; Daniel L.; and Samuel L., married Katie Hutchinson.

Samuel Dillinger followed the business of farming, buying and selling cattle and horses, etc. He had for some years a large Conestoga wagon with six horses, with which he traversed the National Pike, transporting merchandise between the cities of Pittsburg and Baltimore. He subsequently engaged in contract work, building school houses and churches, and other edifices. He was an unfiring worker for the free school system, and was an efficient member of



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engaged in farming and in connection with this pursuit, engaged in carpenter work with his brother Richard. He followed farming and carpentering in Hempfield township until March 25, 1880, when he removed to Greensburg. He is a member of the Zion Lutheran church, and in politics is a Democrat. He married Hannah Kepple, and they had one son, Henry M.

Henry M. Guy received his education in the public schools of Hempfield township, and at the age of seventeen years closed his school life. He remained on the old homestead and acted as assistant to his father in the manifold duties of farm life. He continued this for about one year, and in the spring of 1880 moved to Greensburg and entered into a business engagement with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for one year. He then came to the conclusion that the wagon making field held out better prospects of success for the future. He engaged in this line of business, and has now (1906) continued it for a period of twenty-four years, with an unvaried degree of success. He is a member of Camp No. 18, W. W. He married, May 30, 1891, Anna M. Johnson, daughter of John and Martha (Anderson) Johnson, born in Unity township, near Youngstown, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1860. Mr. Guy is a member of the Lutheran church, and Mrs. Guy of the Reformed church of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL DILLINGER, a leading man of affairs in the early development of Westmoreland county, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, October 28, 1810. He was of German descent in both parental lines. Daniel Dillinger, his father, was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, August 6, 1787, and while yet a boy crossed the Allegheny mountains and located in Westmoreland county, near Bethany. Here he was brought up on a farm, and when he arrived at manhood married Mary Myers, a daughter of Samuel Myers. Their children were: Samuel, Christian, Joseph, Jacob, Abraham, Daniel, Elizabeth (married Alexander Myers), Sarah, (married Michael Sheets), and Mary, married John Billheimer. Daniel Dillinger lived in the vicinity of Bethany until his death, which occurred February 9, 1847, at the age of fifty-seven years, his widow surviving him twenty-six years. After her husband's death she lived with her son Samuel, at the home farm, where she died June 19, 1871, aged eighty-one years. The husband and wife were buried in the Mennonite cemetery, at Alverton, Westmoreland county.

Samuel Dillinger, eldest child of Daniel and Mary (Myers) Dillinger, was brought up on the parental farm, and received but a limited education. Early in life he was employed by Martin Stauffer, near Jacob's Creek, where he learned the business of distilling. He married Sarah Loucks in 1831, and soon after they purchased and located on what is now known as the "Home farm," near Alverton. Their children were: Annie, married Joseph Hixson; Mary, married Abraham Sherrick; Catherine, married Moses Hixson; Sarah, married Jacob C. Fox; John L., married Mary McIntire; Elizabeth L., married C. T. Hanna; Eliza L., married A. A. Hasson; Daniel L.; and Samuel L., married Katie Hutchinson.

Samuel Dillinger followed the business of farming, buying and selling cattle and horses, etc. He had for some years a large Conestoga wagon with six horses, with which he traversed the National Pike, transporting merchandise between the cities of Pittsburg and Baltimore. He subsequently engaged in contract work, building school houses and churches, and other edifices. He was an untiring worker for the free school system, and was an efficient member of

the board of school directors for many years. In his prosperity he added by purchase additional farms adjoining his "Home farm," until he owned upward of six hundred acres in one body, all of which was underlaid with Connellsville coking coal. In addition to his farming interests, about 1850 he purchased a custom grist mill in old Bethany, and soon afterward erected in connection with the mill a distillery, both of which he operated successfully for about thirty years, until 1881, when they were entirely destroyed by fire. The following year, with his two sons, Daniel L. and Samuel L., he built a new distillery at Ruff's Dale, in Westmoreland county, which until his death was successfully operated under the firm name of S. Dillinger and Sons. The business has been continued by his sons up to the present day, and is one of the largest and best known in the state of Pennsylvania. It has a daily capacity of five hundred bushels of grain, or a product of fifty barrels, and has six warehouses with a combined storage capacity of fifty-five thousand barrels of whisky. With his sons, in 1872, he erected a number of coke ovens at Hawkeye, and in 1879 extended the coke business by the erection of additional coke ovens at Tarr and Pennsville, and later with the McClure Coke Company at Alverton, the latter being known as the Donnelly plant. Dillinger and Sons are therefore entitled to rank among the pioneer coke operators of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Dillinger's activities were also extended to important interests in other directions. He was one of the projectors of the Southwest Pennsylvania Railway in 1871, and served upon the directorate for some years. As a business man he was distinguished for the order with which he conducted all of his affairs, for his firmness and decision, promptness, great energy and punctuality. He was gentle to his employees, and straightforward in all his dealings. As a citizen he was what his character would indicate as a business man, and which commanded for him the highest respect of his fellow citizens. He was public spirited and zealous in politics. During the administration of President Buchanan and prior to that time, he was affiliated with the Whig party. While he was opposed to slavery, he was also opposed to confiscation and the Civil war, believing that slavery would terminate its own existence by the education of the people to the fact that it was wrong, and that this course would at the same time better prepare the slaves for their freedom. In this, like all his other motives, he was conscientious in what he believed, and naturally united with the Democratic party. He was never an aspirant for political office, but always advocated the nomination of the one whom he thought to be best qualified for the position. He was an honest man, and never feared to express the convictions of his conscience. He was a constant friend and neighbor, and was ever ready and willing to lend a helping hand to the weak and erring or downtrodden. His last illness was paralysis coming upon him suddenly, and from which he never regained consciousness. He died August 25, 1889, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was buried in the Mennonite cemetery, at Alverton. His bereaved widow, Sarah, to whose energy, faithfulness and frugality a large portion of his prosperity may be attributed, survived him about nine years, during which time she made her home with her son, Daniel L. Dillinger, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. She died August 19, 1898, in the ninetieth year of her age. She was buried by the side of her husband in the Mennonite cemetery, at Alverton, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HOWELL, one of the progressive business men of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, engaged in the heating, ventilating and tinning trade and kindred branches, is a representative in the present generation of an old Westmoreland family.

William Howell, father of George Washington Howell, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He was for many years a farmer, and then engaged in the occupation of transporting coal on boats down the Ohio river. He was thus engaged at the time of his death. His body was found floating in the Monongahela river, at Port Perry, February 12, 1857. His pockets had been turned inside out, and a murderous blow on the side of his head left little doubt as to the manner and cause of his death. He married in 1847, Elizabeth Michaels, born in 1832, daughter of John and Mary Michaels, of Westmoreland county. They had three children that grew to maturity: Josiah, George Washington, of whom later; Julia. In 1859 Mrs. Howell married John Me-haffey, and had three children: Thomas, James, Annie. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and died February 26, 1905.

George Washington Howell, second son and child of William and Elizabeth (Michaels) Howell, was born in Braddock's Field, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1852. He was the first child born in the house which stood close to the spring where, tradition says, Braddock took his last drink and where Washington took command. In memory of this he was given the name of George Washington. He was reared and educated partly in Allegheny and partly in Westmoreland county, attending the common schools of Wilkinsburg in the former county, and those of Cavettsville in the latter. In 1871 he went to work for James F. Ryan to learn the tinsmith trade. He followed this business all his life, having made it a profitable one. He worked in Pittsburg and Wilkinsburg, Allegheny county, and in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, being foreman for the following firms in the hardware business: Shields & Mechling; Turney Brothers; and D. W. Bortz & Brothers. In 1899 he established himself in business in the same line, making a specialty of tinning and heating by means of hot air. He has made a decided success, being very methodical and systematic in his manner of conducting his business, and in the execution of orders entrusted to him. His political faith is pinned to the Democratic party, of which he is a staunch adherent. He is a member of Zion Reformed church. He is also a member of the following organizations: Greensburg Council, No. 44, R. A., and J. O. U. A. M. He married (first), June 26, 1873, Jennie Alexandria, born March 20, 1852, in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Alexandria. Mrs. Howell was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and died there February 27, 1887. The children of George W. and Jennie (Alexandria) Howell were: Frank William, born March 29, 1874; Clyde Marsells, June 28, 1880; Mabel Loren, April 24, 1882. Mr. Howell married (second) July 19, 1888, Emma C. Smith, born January 30, 1859, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Nancy Smith, of East End, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. John Smith, born in Reading, February 9, 1826, died July 11, 1885, was a tailor by trade and followed that occupation for a number of years in Greensburg before removing to East End, Pittsburg, in 1881. His wife, Nancy Smith, born December 31, 1824, died April 29, 1883. By his second marriage Mr. Howell had three children: George Wilber, born January 8, 1896; Clarence Smith, December 4, 1897; Mary Edna, November 2, 1899.

JAMES LAYTON RUFFNER. Among Greensburg's busy business men is James L. Ruffner, who represents the "Singer," Illinois and Domestic Sewing Machine Companies in this part of Pennsylvania.

His grandfather, Simon Peter Ruffner, (I) of German descent, was among

the very early settlers in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He died aged about sixty years. His wife was Jane Layton, who was of an Irish family at the village of Derry. The children born to Simon Peter and Jane (Layton) Ruffner were: Nancy, married Daniel Murray; John, married Catherine Geary; Sarah and Mary (twins); Sarah married Charles Larkins and Mary married Joseph Miller; James, of whom later.

II. James Ruffner (father), born September 9, 1835, in Derry township, died March, 1904, in same township. He was a prosperous farmer and at his death owned several big farms. He was in politics a Democrat, and belonged to the Roman Catholic church as did also his family. He served as supervisor of Derry township. He married, November 25, 1856, Elizabeth Bridge, born October 24, 1835, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Stahl) Bridge, of German descent. She died suddenly of heart failure, June 30, 1904, and is buried beside her husband in the Catholic cemetery at Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Their children were: Catherine Jane, born August 20, 1857, married Albert Short; James Layton, born December 27, 1860, of whom later; Annie Elizabeth, born June 17, 1862, married Samuel Connor, of Derry township; John E., born December 26, 1864, married Zora Enfield; Mary, born September 2, 1866, married Charles F. Ehalt, hotel proprietor at Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth and Peter, died in infancy; Margaret and Agnes (twins), born June 9, 1872; Margaret, married William Kilgore, and Agnes married John W. Luther; Sarah Gertrude, born September 3, 1875, married Harry Fisher, of Derry township.

III. James L. Ruffner, born December 27, 1860, son of James and Elizabeth (Bridge) Ruffner, II, received a common school education in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and later attended the academy at Blairsville, Pennsylvania. After leaving the school room, full of laudable ambition, he engaged with the Singer Sewing Machine Company as salesman. First he was stationed at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, but after one year was sent to Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where he managed the agency for the well known company for a period of fifteen years. He then returned to Greensburg, where he has been located the past eight years. Besides his Singer sewing machine business he has been active in many other lines. Since 1902 he has been a wholesale agent for the Illinois Sewing Machine Company, whose factory is at Rockford, Illinois. While never neglecting his duties in the role of wholesale and retail machine salesman, he has dealt in real estate and been connected with building and loan companies both here and in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was the manager for the Washington National Loan Association of Washington, District of Columbia, for three years. He also helped organize and build two large brewing plants, one at Hagerstown, Maryland, and one at Shire Oaks, Washington county, Pennsylvania, both of which became successful and which he has disposed of some time since. He has erected several residences and now owns the commodious one in which he lives at No. 637 East Pittsburg street, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He also owns the Commercial Hotel property at Scottsdale, Westmoreland county. During the winter of 1905-6 he went to Florida and there spent some two months, during which time he invested in a fine orange grove near DeLand, Volusia county, Florida. He also has in embryo the erection of a brewing plant at Jacksonville, Florida.

Politically Mr. Ruffner is an Independent Democrat, always supporting the best man, but everything being equal votes the Democratic ticket. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ruffner are members of the Greensburg Roman Catholic church.

He married, June 2, 1887, Annie E. Ehalt, daughter of Jacob and Lydia

Ehalt, of Greensburg. Their children are: Charles E., born February 29, 1888; James Lawrence, born January 17, 1890, died aged one year and a half; Elizabeth Lydia, born July 29, 1893; Victor Leo, born July 23, 1895; a son and daughter (twins), born February 22, 1898, died in infancy; John Elmer, born February 21, 1899; Ralph Benedict, born August 22, 1901; Philip, born May 30, 1904, died June 14, 1904; Anthony Chrysostom James Regis, born October 31, 1905.

CHALMERS RAMALEY, one of the successful men of Pennsylvania, and a resident of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, was born June 6, 1873, the son of Jacob and Susanna R. (Cutchell) Ramaley. Jacob Ramaley was born about 1829. He was by occupation a millwright, and in the practice of his trade contributed liberally to the development of the milling industry in Westmoreland county. He married Susanna R. Cutchell, daughter of Parmenus Cutchell, and their children were: Murray, P. A., Dr. E. R., M. J., Ida M., Molly B., Blanch M., and Chalmers.

Chalmers Ramaley is one of the energetic and prosperous business men in the county. He is an architect of ability, and owns a sawmill, several excellent farms that are worked for him by tenants, and other farms that he buys for the standing timber, after the removal of which he sells them and buys others, in the regular course of his business. Mr. Ramaley is now building a large barn, one of the best in the county in point of construction, as it will also be in appointments when finished. Its location will be convenient to the farms he owns, and will comfortably house the dozen or more working horses and the other farm products. Mr. Ramaley contemplates the building of a house for his family which though simple in architecture, will be one of the finest residences in the county. On the hill near the ground upon which this house is to be erected is a spring of excellent water. It is high above the house and barn, and Mr. Ramaley will build a reservoir to supply them with water and to furnish power for electric lighting and such light machinery as will make housework and the feed and care of stock most convenient. Mr. Ramaley married, February 8, 1900, Nora M. Young, daughter of Norman C. Young, and their children are: Susan, born September 14, 1901; Chalmers E., February 1, 1902; and Simon Steck, March 27, 1904.

JOHN HARGNETT was descended from a family that had settled in the United States before the Revolution. He was of the third generation in descent from the pioneer ancestor who came from Germany.

(I) Jacob Hargnett, the grandfather of John Hargnett, and the founder of the Hargnett family, was born in Germany, December 23, 1736. He was still a young man when he came to America and settled near Hagerstown, Maryland. He remained there a few years and then removed with his family to Westmoreland county, where he took up land in the Ligonier valley about 1770. The hostility of the Indians, however, compelled him, as it had many other pioneers, to abandon this home in a very short time. He accordingly returned to Maryland, where he lived for the next eight years. When peace had in some degree been established on the western border, he returned to the Ligonier valley and again settled on lands he had previously occupied. This was situated about two miles southwest of Fort Ligonier, and is yet in the possession of some of his descendants. At that time the fort was garrisoned and served as a place of refuge for all pioneers within reach of it in times of Indian invasions. Mr. Hargnett lived on this farm until his death, which occurred at the advanced

age of ninety years, in 1826. His widow, Barbara, survived him but one year, and they are both buried in the Brant cemetery near their former home. Their children were: Frederick, Ester and Sarah.

(II) Frederick Hargnett, son of Jacob (I) and Barabra Hargnett, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1774, and was brought to Ligonier when his parents removed to that section. He was a farmer by occupation, and succeeded to the land taken up by his father. In 1803 he married Catharine Tosh, and they had eight children: Jacob, born in 1805; Henry, born July 10, 1807; Christina, born March 20, 1809, intermarried with Jacob Miller; John, born April 13, 1811; Ann, born August 7, 1813, intermarried with Samuel King; David, born August 17, 1818; Elizabeth, born September 21, 1821, intermarried with Peter Myers; Sarah, born January, 1824, intermarried with J. M. Breniser. All of the above family of Frederick Hargnett are dead. In politics Frederick Hargnett was a Democrat, and in religious faith a member of the German Reformed church. He died May 3, 1845, and his widow survived him until February 15, 1871.

(III) John Hargnett, the third son of Frederick (II) and Catharine Tosh Hargnett, was born April 13, 1811. His constitution being a delicate one, he left the farm in 1830 and became a clerk in a store in Ligonier. Two years later he established himself in the mercantile business there, which he conducted personally until old age compelled him to retire from its active duties. He was for forty years associated in business with John T. McGowan. It was his custom to make two trips each year to Philadelphia or Baltimore, one in the spring and the other in the fall, to replenish their stock of goods for the coming season. These journeys as a rule were made in stage coaches, but at times they were made on horseback. In either case he was obliged to carry with him the money to be paid for the goods purchased, and this was no light weight, since it was useless with the paper money of that day to attempt to pay in anything but gold or silver. He made these trips regularly in this manner for twenty years, until the completion of the Pennsylvania railroad rendered such long turnpike journeys unnecessary. Nothing delighted him more, in his declining years, than to talk of these old-time customs, and his conversation was always fraught with interest and instruction. In politics he was a Democrat, casting his first presidential vote for Andrew Jackson in 1832. In 1834 he was appointed postmaster of Ligonier under President Jackson's administration, and held this office, though not consecutively, for a period of twenty-seven years. In 1863 he was elected by his party as a member of the legislature. He united with the Methodist church in Ligonier, 1830, and was one of its most active members until his death. For more than a quarter of a century, ending in June, 1870, he was superintendent of the Ligonier Methodist Episcopal Sunday school, which he helped to found when a young man.

In 1836 he married Susan, a daughter of David Armor. She died in 1848. They had two children: Pamela, born in 1837, and a son Armor, born 1843, who lived but fourteen months, dying in 1844. Pamela was educated at the Blairsville Seminary, now known as Blairsville College, and was an honor member of its first graduating class. She married, June 28, 1858, Dr. L. T. Beam, of Ligonier, and died July 31, 1859. Dr. Beam afterwards removed to Johnstown and perished in the flood of 1889. In 1850 John Hargnett married Laura Platt, daughter of William Platt, of Berlin, Pennsylvania. She lived but one year. In 1854 he married Euphemia Bernetta, daughter of James and Catherine Carnahan McDonald, of Indiana county. The McDonalds, as their name indicates, came from Scotland. John, the first American ancestor, was a







*Yours Truly*  
*James C. Henry*

son of John and Isabella McCartney McDonald, who lived near Edinburgh, and a grandson of John McDonald, a captain in the Scottish army. In 1772 John McDonald, the grandson, when a young man, visited his relatives in Rich Hills, county of Armagh, Ireland. While there a company was formed consisting of himself and sixteen other young men, three of whom were his cousins, and they all came to America, landing at Baltimore. When the Revolutionary war broke out John enlisted in Captain Casper Weitsell's company, First Battalion Rifle Regiment from Pennsylvania. He rose to the rank of captain of the Flying Camp and served through the war. Before entering the army he was married to Jane Wilson, and at its close settled on the lands which he had taken up in York county, where they resided until his death more than twenty years afterward. They had nine children, one of whom, James, born in 1779, married Catharine Carnahan, and settled in Indiana county. He was a farmer by occupation, and a Presbyterian in religion, though late in life he united with the Methodist Episcopal church of which his family were already members. He died April 20, 1852. They had a family of ten children: John, James, Samuel, Alexander, Elizabeth, Mary, Jane, Nancy, Susan and Euphemia Bernetta, the last of whom became the wife of John Hargnett, as above indicated. To them were born two daughters, Wilhelmina Platt and May Idona, both of whom were sent to the Pittsburg Female College, May being graduated in one of its latter classes before it was destroyed by fire and merged with Beaver College. Wilhelmina P. married, August, 1880, Dr. John S. Garman, of Berlin, Pennsylvania. They have four children living, namely, John Hargnett, May Idona, Ralph and Lorena. For some years before his death Mr. Hargnett was not engaged in active business. In April, 1896, he had an unfortunate accident, falling and fracturing his hip joint, the effects of which finally caused his death on June 13, 1896. He was buried in the Valley cemetery. His widow resides in Ligonier.

**JAMES C. HENRY.** One of the most capable and enterprising business men of Westmoreland county, and a man prominently identified with all community affairs is James C. Henry. He was born in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1858, son of Conrad J. and Catherine (Gary) Henry, and grandson of Conrad Henry. His grandfather removed to Westmoreland county, when his son Conrad was but a small boy. He located in Unity township, near Youngstown, where he built and operated a still house for a number of years. He subsequently sold this property and purchased a farm in Derry township, where he resided up to the time of his death. Prior to the advent of the railroads, Mr. Henry was one of the best known teamsters operating from Baltimore and Pittsburg, owning and running some three or four six-horse teams.

Conrad Henry, Jr., father of James C. Henry, was reared at home, and in his young manhood drove one of his father's teams, and had charge of the teams while on the road. With the coming of the railroads, however, and the consequent abandoning of teams as a means of transportation, young Mr. Henry was out of employment, so having a strong liking for farming he purchased a farm in Derry township, Westmoreland county, which he operated and on which he resided until his death. In politics Mr. Henry was a staunch Democrat. He married Catherine Gary, and five children were born to them, three of whom survive: James C., of whom later; Edward S., in the employ of James C.; and Joseph L., manager of the oil fields of Beaumont, Texas, for James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg. After the death of his wife Mr. Henry married Anna A. Downey,

of Cresson, Cambria county, Pennsylvania. She was a model mother and the idol of her step-children. Five children were born, as follows: Mary A.; Emma, wife of James E. Brennon, Latrobe; Charles J., Greensburg; Frank X., Greensburg; and Harry V., in the office of the superintendent of the Southern Pacific Railway, California. Mr. Henry died when he was fifty-four years of age, and his wife sold the farm and removed to Greensburg, where she now resides at her home on West Otterman street.

James C. Henry, son of Conrad Henry, Jr., was reared at home, and was educated in St. Vincent's Monastery in Westmoreland county. At the age of sixteen he removed to Maryland, where he was engaged in managing a farm for Charles McFadden. Mr. Henry continued in the management of this large plantation of three hundred and sixty acres for three years. After this time he returned to Westmoreland county, where he superintended the farm of Mrs. George Braden in Derry township for four years, then removing to Greensburg where he was engaged for four years in overseeing the farm of the Sisters of Charity at Seaton Hill. He then formed a copartnership with Frank Peifley, and under the firm name of Peifley & Henry conducted a general drayage business, which proved quite successful. Three years later he sold his interest to his partner and entered into the plumbing business with John Walker, which he continued for two years. In November, 1892, Mr. Henry became one of the organizers and was made president of the Greensburg Coal & Ice Company, limited. In 1901 the name of the company was changed to the Westmoreland Ice Company, of which Mr. Henry was president, manager and one of the directors, all of which offices he still holds. In 1903 he organized the Henry & Sheffler Machine Company, handling a full line of boilers, engines and pumps, and is treasurer of this company. Mr. Henry may well count his career in the business world one of success and credit. His industry, perseverance, and energy, also the straightforward, upright manner in which all his business dealings have been conducted have won a high place for him in the world of business and made him one of the best known merchants in Westmoreland county. As a citizen he holds the esteem and respect of his fellow townsmen, and his affable and genial disposition have won for him many friends. Politically Mr. Henry is a staunch Democrat, and in religious matters he is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church. He is a member and trustee of Americus Lodge, and a member of the Grand Fraternity.

JOHN L. SHIELDS, owner and editor of the Mount Pleasant *Journal*, was born near Salem, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1857, a son of Matthew and Sarah (Larimer) Shields. During his active working life Matthew Shields followed the occupation of farming, but is now living a retired life.

John L. Shields obtained his education in the Chambersburg Academy and Princeton College, entering the latter institution in 1876, and retiring in his junior year. In 1878 he returned to Westmoreland county and engaged in the newspaper business in Mount Pleasant. He associated himself with his brother-in-law, forming the firm of Kennedy & Shields, editors of the Mount Pleasant *Journal*, then a weekly paper. This publication was originally the Mount Pleasant *Independent*, and the first copy was issued Saturday, October 10, 1872. The paper was then a four column, single sheet publication, and Mr. E. B. Halsinger was the editor and proprietor. However, the real founder of the paper was Mr. A. W. Fox, who owned the major part and assisted in the conduct of the paper until 1874, when Mr. A. C. Haverstick purchased it. Mr.

Haverstick was succeeded by a Mr. Cooper, who in turn sold his interest to Mr. Job A. Stevenson and Mr. Joseph A. McCurdy, who conducted it successfully until it came into the hands of Mr. Shields and his brother-in-law, December 1, 1882. This arrangement existed until 1885, when Mr. Shields purchased the interest of his partner, thus becoming sole editor and owner of the *Mount Pleasant Journal*. In 1896 Mr. Shields enlarged the paper to eight pages. It is a well-edited publication, devoted mostly to local news, and in every respect is considered one of the best in the county. The plant is well equipped with the very best and most modern machinery, and it is operated with a first-class gasoline engine. The circulation is two thousand two hundred copies. The *Mount Pleasant Journal* is independent in politics, although its proprietor is a strong Republican. Mr. Shields is a member of the B. P. O. E., and is a member of the Presbyterian church. In August, 1900, Mr. Shields married Hannah G. Ramsay, a daughter of Morris Ramsay, general superintendent of the coal and coke company. Two children, Matthew and James R. Shields were born to them.

**BRYCE BROTHERS COMPANY.** In the fall of 1893 A. H. Bryce and J. McD. Bryce formed a copartnership under the name of Bryce Brothers and operated a factory of one furnace at Hammondville, Fayette county, about three miles south of Mount Pleasant. The product consisted of light blown tumblers, stem and stable ware, decorated by the process known as needle etching. This class of work had previously been imported and this was the first concerted effort made to supplant foreign glass for fine table ware. In two years the demand had outgrown the product of the plant, and it was removed to Mount Pleasant in July, 1896, where a substantial brick building was erected as nearly fireproof as possible to make it when the company, known as Bryce Brothers Company, was incorporated with A. H. Bryce as president, J. McD. Bryce as secretary and treasurer. These with William McNaughton constitute the board of directors. The business has kept on growing until at present the plant consists of three furnaces, and the buildings cover four acres of ground and employ over six hundred people. The company produces all styles of light tumblers and stemware, suitable for the table and buffet, in plain as well as cut, engraved sand blast, needle etched and color decorations. They find a market all over the United States and have a reputation for quality of goods equal to the best French factories, and while succeeding in creating a trade in this country for the class of goods they manufacture have been able to curtail to some extent the importations.

**JOSEPH P. KELLER.** It may safely be asserted that in all Westmoreland county there can be found no more popular host than Joseph P. Keller, of Mount Pleasant. He is a son of Michael Keller, who was born in 1813, in county Kerry, Ireland, and about the time of attaining his majority emigrated to the United States. He settled at Tiffin, Ohio, where he owned and cultivated a farm of two hundred and eighty acres. While devoting most of his attention to his estate he was interested in various other enterprises, being a stockholder in the carriage factory, the woolen mills and the Standard Machinery Manufacturing Company of Tiffin. In 1849 he crossed the plains to California in quest of the gold fields, where he accumulated a considerable sum of money. In 1854 he returned to Ohio. He married Margaret Kinney, who was born in 1823, in Tiffin, Ohio, where her parents settled on coming from Ireland, and the following children were born to them: Frank,, chief accountant

of Dillinger & Sons' distillery, Scottdale; Ella, wife of H. E. O'Brien, of San Francisco, California; Edward J., assistant cashier of the Merchants' National Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana; Joseph P., mentioned hereafter; James, teller in a bank at Santiago, California; Eugene, proprietor of the Hill House, Scottdale; Lewis, a dentist in Tiffin, Ohio; and Irvin, a physician in Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. Keller, the mother of these children, died in 1900, and her husband survived her but two years, passing away in 1902. Mr. Keller was a well-known citizen and took a deep interest in the welfare of the community. He was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church.

Joseph P. Keller, son of Michael and Margaret (Kinney) Keller, was born March 18, 1866, in Tiffin, Ohio, where he received his primary education, afterward entering Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana. In 1884 he went to Connellsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where for about eighteen months he was employed as clerk by the Frick Coke Company. He then went to Mount Pleasant, where he was employed by the same company in the same capacity. In 1889 he migrated to Chicago and while there engaged in business on his own account as a dealer in housefurnishing goods. He took one of his brothers into partnership and together they conducted the business for five years. At the end of that time he sold out and went to Scottdale, where he again became a clerk for the Frick Coke Company, remaining with them until 1900, when he accepted the position of teller in the First National Bank of Scottdale. The position he held until 1904, when he resigned and went to Mount Pleasant in order to become proprietor of the Cooper House. He caused the establishment to be remodeled throughout, and it is now one of the first-class hotels of the borough, its popularity being greatly increased by the genial manners and obliging disposition of the proprietor. As a citizen Mr. Keller holds a high place in the regard of his neighbors, as is shown by the fact that in 1904 he was nominated for the legislature on the Democratic ticket. He belongs to Lodge No. 777, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Scottdale; also to Modern Woodmen of America and Scottdale Council. He and his family are members of St. Joseph's (Roman Catholic) church.

Mr. Keller married, June 10, 1889, Emma K., daughter of Daniel and Sarah S. (Seese) Shupe, and a native of Mount Pleasant. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Keller: Leo Paul, Michael Eugene, Thomas Lynch, Edward Shupe, Joseph Whitmore, and Joseph Paul, deceased.

**DAVID MILLER LYLE.** Among his ministerial brethren of Westmoreland county David Miller Lyle, of Mount Pleasant, holds a recognized place. He is the fifth in descent from Robert Lyle, who with his two brothers, John and Aaron, came from eastern Pennsylvania about the middle of the eighteenth century, and settled in Washington county, their father having come from Scotland some years previous.

John Lyle was one of the pioneers of Belmont county, Ohio. He was a farmer and a strict Presbyterian. His wife was Isabel Miller, and they were the parents of several children, the youngest of whom was David, mentioned hereafter. The sons were all farmers and are all now deceased.

David Lyle, son of John and Isabel (Miller) Lyle, was born in 1829, in Belmont county, Ohio, and like his father followed agricultural pursuits. He was active in public affairs, both political and otherwise. He was a zealous member of the Presbyterian church, in which for years he served as elder. He married, in March, 1856, Mary, born in Harrison county, Ohio, daughter of George and Nancy (McCracken) Love, of Scotch-Irish descent, and seven

children were born to them: George, a farmer; John, engaged in mercantile business at McKeesport, Pennsylvania; James, a farmer; Annabelle, wife of Brainerd C. Lyle, of Washington county, Pennsylvania; Sadie, who resides at home; Ella, wife of the Rev. William E. Guthrie, a United Presbyterian minister of Mexico, Pennsylvania; and David Miller, mentioned hereafter. Mr. Lyle, the father of the family, died in 1898, at the age of sixty-nine. He was a man of the highest integrity. His widow is still living at the old home in Ohio.

David Miller Lyle, son of David and Mary (Love) Lyle, was born August 26, 1872, in Belmont county, Ohio, near Uniontown, and was reared on the farm, receiving his primary education in the district school. He afterward entered Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio, from which institution he received in 1895 the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the autumn of the same year he matriculated at the Western Theological University, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, graduating thence in the spring of 1898. He then went to Leisenring, Pennsylvania, where he filled the pulpit for two years. In June, 1900, he went to Mount Pleasant in response to a call to the pastorate of the Reunion Presbyterian church of that place. Under his ministrations the membership of the church has increased, and various improvements have been made in the edifice, including the placing of a fine new pipe organ. He has endeared himself to his parishioners, to whose best interests he is thoroughly devoted, and is active in the discharge of his duties as a citizen. Mr. Lyle married, July 21, 1900, Florence, daughter of James G. Bailey, of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and they have one child, Donald Fraser.

**JOHN DICKEY McCaleb.** Among the old residents and worthy representatives of Westmoreland county and the men who have contributed largely to the upbuilding of that place, is John Dickey McCaleb, a prominent business man, and for many years justice of the peace and notary public of Mount Pleasant. He was born near Congruity church, in Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1824, a son of John and Sally (Hosack) McCaleb, and grandson of James McCaleb, who was a farmer at Harveys Cross Roads in Salem township, where he lived for many years. He was a man of means and an extensive property holder. He married, and the following named children were born to him: Margaret, Elizabeth, Archibald, John, James and Martha.

John, fourth child and older son of Jeams McCaleb, and father of John Dickey McCaleb, was born and reared in Westmoreland county. His boyhood was spent on the home farm, and in early life he commenced teaching school, which occupation he followed all his life, devoting some fifty years to it. He first taught in the subscription schools, and later in the public schools. He was a member and regular attendant of the Presbyterian church, and married Sally Hosack, a zealous and active church worker. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCaleb: 1. Jane, deceased, who was the wife of John Russell, also deceased; 2. Margaret, deceased; 3. Mary Ann, deceased; 4. Sarah, deceased; 5. James Russell, died at Vicksburg during the Civil war, having enlisted in Ohio; 6. Hannah E., married John Hetherington, of Westmoreland county, both deceased; 7. John D., mentioned hereafter; 8. Helen S., unmarried.

John Dickey McCaleb, at the age of ten years, left home and went to live with Major Kain, near Hannastown, where he remained for three years, then removing to Mount Pleasant, where he found employment in the firm of Cunningham & Anderson. After remaining there for a short time he associated

himself with Peter Blystone, conducting his store for six months. At the expiration of this time he returned to Mount Pleasant and accepted a position in the store of Sherwick & Braden, remaining there for some seven or eight years, when he severed his connection with this firm and established himself in the wholesale dry goods business in Philadelphia. After six months he returned to Mount Pleasant and opened a general store which he conducted for some time with considerable success. He subsequently formed a partnership with one of his former employers, John Sherwick. This arrangement existed for several years, and Mr. McCaleb then sold out his interest in the business, and became interested in the oil business at Pithole. During these years of earnest work Mr. McCaleb had accumulated a fair competency, all of which he lost soon after entering the oil business. However, being undaunted by his misfortune and a man of moral and physical courage, he immediately set himself to work to re-establish the fortune he had lost. He engaged in the foundry business at Mount Pleasant, where he erected a fine plant, besides buying out three other concerns in the borough. Owing to his inexperience in this line, Mr. McCaleb again met with financial losses, and after four or five years relinquished this business. He then opened a small store in Mount Pleasant, and met with considerable success. In 1885 he was appointed postmaster of the borough, serving two terms. After his retirement from the postoffice he received the appointment of notary public, which office he still holds.

In politics he accords with the doctrines of the Republican party, and loses no opportunity of advancing the interests of that organization. He is a man of standing in the community, and the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-townsmen is demonstrated by the fact that he was elected a member of the board council, member of the school board, and other minor offices, the duties of which he acquitted with credit and efficiency. In connection with his duties as notary public, Mr. McCaleb acts as representative of several of the steamship companies. He has contributed his share toward the building up of the town, having erected two fine brick residences besides a number of smaller houses. Mr. McCaleb was the first man to promote the organization of the First National Bank of Mount Pleasant (1863), which was the first organized National Bank in Westmoreland county.

In 1851 Mr. McCaleb was united in marriage to Sarah B. Sherwick, daughter of Joseph Sherwick. She was born in Westmoreland county, in 1827. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCaleb: 1. Ella, secretary of Vassar College, at which institution she was educated and where she received the degree of A. B. 2. J. Sherrick McCaleb, who was educated in Mount Pleasant. He was engaged for eleven years as cashier of the Connells-ville (Pennsylvania) National Bank, and had the remarkable record of making but one error during that time. He now resides at Edgewood, where he is state auditor and accountant. He married Katherine Johnson, and after her death married Katherine Roberts. 3. William Baird, superintendent of the eastern division of the Pennsylvania railroad office at Harrisburg. He married Mary Reed, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, and they have two children. 4. George H., deceased in 1855. 5. Effie, at home.

CURTIS HUSSEY GREGG, an attorney of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, of the firm of Gregg & Potts, whose ancestry and personal career has made him a man of more than ordinary prominence, was born at Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 9, 1865. The founder of this family of Greggs in the United States was James Gregg, one of four brothers



who came to this country from the north of Ireland and settled in the Cumberland valley, Pennsylvania. One of the brothers settled in New York; one in Ohio and the other in central Pennsylvania. From the latter sprang the Gregg family from which descended ex-Governor Andrew Gregg Curtin.

The grandfather of Curtis Hussey Gregg was James Gregg, who was a native of the United States. He married into the Marshall family, his wife being a native of Cumberland valley.

The father was James Gregg, born in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1821. He was engaged in the mercantile business in Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, until 1876, when he became treasurer of the county. His schooling was confined to a term in Duff's Business College at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. In religion he espoused the Lutheran faith. He was "an old-fashioned, Simon-pure Democrat." He served as treasurer of Westmoreland county from 1876 to 1879, and as justice of the peace in Greensburg borough from 1881 to 1886; also school director in Greensburg. He died January 5, 1889. His wife was Eliza Cort Gregg, born January 5, 1826, still living. She is the daughter of George Byerly, who was a grandson of Andrew Byerly, of Bushy Run battle fame, in the early-day Indian wars in Westmoreland county, an account of which is given in the general chapter of this work.

Curtis H. Gregg, son of James and Eliza Cort Gregg, received his education in the common schools and the Greensburg Seminary, where he pursued a two years' course. He began his business career in an humble manner, serving in the role of a newsboy in Greensburg, but through his aim to accomplish more in life he was soon holding the position of news editor for the *Greensburg Press*, and continued from 1883 to 1887. Later he taught school one term, and then applied himself to the study of law, being admitted to the bar August 4, 1888. He studied with Hon. Lucian W. Doty (later president judge of Westmoreland county), and A. M. Sloan, Esq. He almost instantly forged into the front ranks of a bar numbering a hundred members, which body stands among the most talented in the commonwealth. His knowledge and keen foresight into the interpretation of legal problems, together with his forceful arguments, compelled an early recognition and made him a successful practitioner. Death causing a vacancy in the office of the district attorney in July, 1891, he was appointed to that office and nominated by the Democratic party the same year for that office, but the fates of political power were against him. He has always been an ardent party worker, and being possessed of rare gifts as a public speaker has been frequently drafted into hotly contested political campaigns. For four years he served acceptably on the Greensburg school board, and has been a member of the town council, of which he was president one year. He was among the progenitors of the Greensburg, Jeannette & Pittsburg Electric Railway, and has been initiated in all that has tended to give new life and growth to his home town. In 1896 he was chairman of the Democratic county committee, and a hearty supporter of Colonel W. J. Bryan. It was in 1900 that he was the unsuccessful candidate for congress from the Twenty-fourth district in Pennsylvania, and was the nominee of his party for state senator in the Thirty-ninth district in 1904. During the time the Spanish-American war soldiers were enlisting and going to the seat of war from Westmoreland county, Mr. Gregg was called upon to deliver more than thirty flag-raising speeches in various parts of the county. They burned with true patriotism. He is a member of various civic societies, including the I. O. H., B. E., K. of M., and G. F. Mr. Gregg is a member of Zion Lutheran church of Greensburg, and has been the chorister there for more than twenty years. Mr. Gregg married, June 21,

1890, Frances A. Good, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of George W. Good, who died January 6, 1905. He was the builder and owner of many of the largest business blocks in Greensburg and adjoining towns. He was president of the St. Clair Opera House Company, and director in the John W. Pollins Company, a department store. His wife was Maria C. (Lenhart) Good, who still survives. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg have two sons: James, born May 21, 1891; George Good, born December 29, 1895; both born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

DAVID L. NEWILL, of the law firm of Beacom and Newill, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born August 15, 1862, in Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. The founder of the Newill family in this country was Stephen Newill, of Irish descent, who came to Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, about 1773, from New Jersey. He was by occupation a farmer. He was of the Presbyterian religious faith. He married and had children: James, Joshua, John, Robert, Thomas and Richard, all of whom were soldiers in the War for Independence. The only daughter in the family of Stephen Newill and wife was Mary, who married Barney McCaul, who also served in the same war.

Robert Newill, one of the above named sons of Stephen, was a farmer, and married Mary George. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, as had been his father. Robert Newill and wife Mary had children: John; George, a civil engineer; James, who was the grandfather of David L. Newill; Sinai Craig and Ann Thompson. James Newill had sons: James, George, John, William, Robert and Joshua (the father of David L.) and one daughter, Mary Long.

Joshua Newill, the fifth in descent from Stephen the founder, was born August 4, 1821. By general occupation he was a farmer, but in his young manhood taught school. He was a Republican in politics, and among other local offices which he held was that of school director. He died January 14, 1898. His wife's given name was Scynthia, born August 27, 1828; died January 19, 1905.

David L. Newill, son of Joshua and Scynthia Newill, graduated at Mount Pleasant Institute in 1884. He taught school two terms. He read law with W. H. Klingsmith, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and was admitted to the bar of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1888, and has been in constant practice ever since. He formed a partnership with Hon. James S. Beacom in 1892, which still continues. Aside from his professional career, Mr. Newill is interested in various financial enterprises. He is the president of the Westmoreland Savings and Trust Company, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; president of the First National Bank of Youngwood, Pennsylvania; president of the Greensburg Finance Company; treasurer of the Greensburg Composition Company, and director of the Greensburg Press Company. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. He is a member of Philanthropy Lodge, No. 225, F. and A. M., of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He married, November 8, 1888, Minnie G. Myers, daughter of Joseph B. and Julia Myers. Mr. and Mrs. Newill are the parents of one daughter, Mabel M., born August 27, 1889.

HON. JAMES S. BEACOM, ex-state treasurer and a prominent attorney of Greensburg, was born December 9, 1853, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, son of Henry Conley and his wife, Mary A. (Spear) Beacom. Of his ancestors it is found that John Beacom came from Ireland to the United States, settling in Westmoreland county, where he was paying taxes in 1810.

He was the great-grandfather of James S. Beacom. Among his children were John, Jeremiah, Johnston and James, the last named being the subject's grandfather, who died early in life, leaving two sons, Henry Conley and James.

Henry Conley Beacom, father of James S. Beacom, was born in May, 1830, and died November 18, 1904, leaving a widow, Mary A., and five children: James S. Beacom; Angeline, married Thomas F. Hamilton, superintendent of the Gautier Steel works, of Johnston, Pa.; Henry Conley Beacom, a farmer in Iowa; John Wesley Beacom, of Long Branch, Cal.; and Eva, wife of Edgar Hays, cashier of the Union Savings Bank, of Pittsburg, Pa. The father of this family became a member of the Pittsburg conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1865, and was a minister until his death. Prior to his ministry he taught school. His wife, Mary A. (Spear) Beacom, is living in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

James S. Beacom obtained in the public schools his primary education, later attending Elderton Academy, and Washington and Jefferson College, from which he graduated in the class of 1880. He was admitted to the bar in Westmoreland county, in 1884, and has since that date practiced most of the time. Politically Mr. Beacom is a staunch Republican, and has been a faithful party worker, engaging in several hotly contested campaigns. He was a loyal supporter of Hon. Matthew S. Quay, United States senator. He was a member of the house of representatives of the legislature of Pennsylvania in the sessions of 1887 and 1901. From May, 1898 to May, 1900, he was state treasurer, in which position he effected some radical changes in the management of that important office, leaving its finances in better shape than for many previous years. In the famous Silver campaign of 1896, in which William McKinley was nominated for president at the Republican national convention at St. Louis, he was one of the delegates at large. In his religious connection he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for many years has been a member of the board of trustees. Mr. Beacom was married, July 17, 1888, to Mary H. Zimmers, of Blairsville, Pennsylvania, who was a graduate of the Blairsville Female Seminary. She is the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Zimmers. Her father was for many years station agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Beacom have children: Robert Zimmers Beacom, Dorothy, Elizabeth and Virginia.

HON. WELTY McCULLOGH was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1847, and was graduated from Princeton College in the class of 1870. He read law with the late W. H. H. Markle, Esq., in Greensburg, and was admitted to the bar in 1872. Very early in his professional life he became a corporation lawyer and devoted most of his time to railroad law. For many years he was solicitor for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and other important corporations. Whilst he always resided in Greensburg and practiced in our courts, he almost continuously kept an office in Pittsburg and practiced in the Allegheny county courts as well. He was renowned both there and in Westmoreland county as a lawyer of high standing particularly in corporation law. In the preparation of papers and in all the varied work of an all around lawyer, he had but few equals in either of these counties. He was married on June 13, 1872, to Ada B. Markle, of Greensburg, a daughter of W. H. H. Markle, Esq., with whom he had read law.

He was scrupulously careful to perform his share of the work or bear his share of the burdens that fell upon him and his friends. He always took an active part in politics, and made many public addresses of that character. In

doing so he did not select the places easily accessible to his home, but willingly did his share of the work in remote regions of the county. Nor did he really ever seek office, though in 1886 he was nominated for congress by the Republicans of Westmoreland, Fayette, and Greene counties. The district was strongly Democratic but there were two Democrats in the field which divided the vote of that party and Mr. McCullough was elected. Unfortunately after the close of his term in congress he was taken sick and died August 1, 1889.

The bar associations of both Allegheny and Westmoreland counties passed highly eulogistic resolutions of his work and merit as a lawyer and a citizen. Mr. McCullough was a man of strong physique, a handsome face and as has been shown above had talents of a high order. One of his leading characteristics was his thorough honesty, not only in business matters but in the expression of opinion and in everything he did. He could not feign a friendship he did not feel. Had he been less sincere he might perhaps have been more popular. His circle of friends was not as wide as that of many, but all who knew him personally were most devoted to him and remained so through life.

DENNA C. OGDEN, an attorney of the city of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1860, the second son of Lieutenant John B. Ogden and wife Bella J. (McDowell) Ogden. He is the fifth in line of descent from Joseph Ogden, who was a brother of the eminent jurist, David Ogden, born 1707; a graduate of Yale College, 1728, admitted to the bar, and in 1772 appointed judge of the supreme court of New Jersey. He died in 1800.

Joseph Ogden, grandfather of Denna C. Ogden, was born in New Jersey, in 1710, and died in the same state in 1772. He had a son Joseph, born in 1735; came to Fairfield township, Westmoreland county in 1755 and there died in 1815. He was among the pioneer band who settled the county. Among his children was one son named James Ogden, born in 1785, died in 1858. He had a son, John B. Ogden, born July 16, 1825, and died December 19, 1889. He was lieutenant of Company D, Fourth Pennsylvania Regiment Cavalry, during the Civil war. He aided in raising the regiment and was commissioned first lieutenant. He served under Colonel George H. Covode. He was twice wounded and disabled while in the Army of the Potomac. He married, in 1854, Bella J. McDowell, by whom three children were born: Bella J. (McDowell) Ogden was the daughter of Jacob McDowell, the youngest of a family of sixteen children, and whose father, Robert McDowell, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and located on eighteen hundred acres of land in Ligonier township, Westmoreland county. He was married in Fort Ligonier, which he and his wife helped defend against the Indian attacks in 1763.

Denna C. Ogden was educated in the common schools and at Blairsville Academy. He read law with Stewart and Marlin, of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, where he was admitted to the bar in 1882 and the following year admitted to practice in Westmoreland county, locating at Greensburg. He was nominated on the Democratic ticket for the office of district attorney in 1886, conducted a remarkable campaign and was elected by a large majority, polling more votes than any of the sixteen Democratic candidates, and was the youngest man ever elected to that time, to such a position in the county, he being only twenty-six years of age. Throughout his term of three years he acquitted himself manfully and treated all with fairness. He refused to become a candidate again. Since that date he has built up a lucrative practice and enjoys a good

reputation for being an honorable legal adviser. He married, April 5, 1888, Anna W. McCullough, daughter of John McCullough, and wife, and the sister of Hon. Welty McCullough, deceased.

ANANIAS SHUMAKER, the present treasurer of Westmoreland county, is of German descent, the family name originally being spelled "Schumaker." At an early day the ancestors settled in eastern Pennsylvania, some of its members living in Bucks county. The family have nearly all been farmers, and the grandfather of Ananias Shumaker was one of the sturdy farmers of his time. He was born in Allegheny township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He married, lived and died in the same county. Their children were: John, Daniel, Jacob, Peter, Sarah and Mary. They all married and became farmers in their native county.

Jacob Shumaker, the third child of the family, and the father of Ananias Shumaker, was born in Somerset county, near Wellesburg, about 1811. He married a widow, Mrs. Polly Earnest, whose maiden name was Hoover. Her parents were Michael and Eve (Frits) Hoover, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. They were farmers their entire lives. By Mr. Earnest she had one son and one daughter, the former died in 1902. By Mr. Shumaker she had children: 1. Mary; 2. John, died at the age of eight years; 3. Ananias, born May 22, 1842; 4. Elizabeth; 5. Catherine. All married and are residents of Westmoreland county.

Ananias Shumaker received his education in the public schools of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and followed farm life chiefly until eighteen years of age when he enlisted at Berlin, Pennsylvania, as a member of Company F, under Captain Albert Heffley, as a private. His regiment was the One Hundred and Forty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, commanded by Colonel Commons, who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. This regiment was a part of the Fifth Army Corps and of the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Shumaker was at the battle of Fredericksburg, and with his regiment during every engagement in which they participated, to the close of that greatest of American conflicts, being honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., May 29, 1865. During all these years of warfare he was fortunate enough to have never been captured, wounded, or in hospital, though several shots at various times pierced his clothing. But four or five of his comrades fared as well, for in many a hard fought battle the loss was great to his command. When peace finally came, and the "stars and stripes" were the only colors flying over a free people, Mr. Shumaker returned to his native county, and on January 29, 1866, he was married to Mary Ann Campbell, daughter of W. B. and Sarah (Harr) Campbell, farmers of Cook township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Soon after his marriage, he removed to Knox county, Ohio, where he embarked in the boot and shoe trade. After two and one-half years in business in Ohio, he sold and went west, locating at Tama city, Iowa, then a mere hamlet, but now a prosperous railroad centre. After a short time he returned to his native county, locating in the boot and shoe business at Latrobe, but after a few years he sold and became a traveling salesman for a large boot and shoe wholesale house—Graff, Sons and Company, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for whom he traveled in western Pennsylvania for twenty-one years, leaving the road in 1895, being succeeded by his second son, Charles W. Shumaker, who traveled for the firm until they went out of business, his term of road life extending over a period of eight years. He was one of three partners in a shoe factory at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, continuing from 1885 to 1890. Politics engaged his attention for

some time, and in 1902 he received the nomination for county treasurer of Westmoreland county, there being three in the field; he showed his popularity by receiving more votes than both opposing candidates. He was elected by more than four thousand majority. Politically, Mr. Shumaker has ever been an active, working Republican. He was a member of the council of Latrobe two terms, in the place in which he had spent thirty-two years of his life. He removed to the city of Greensburg (that being the county seat) upon his election, taking his seat January 1, 1903, and in October of that year, purchased the dry goods business formerly conducted by W. T. Welty, at No. 128 Main street, Greensburg. He built, in 1905, an up-to-date residence on North Maple avenue, the cost of which, including the lot, was twelve thousand dollars, providing himself and family one of the best homes in the city.

Mr. Shumaker married (first), in 1866, Mary Ann Campbell. Their children were: William Milton, born in Knox county, Ohio, October 22, 1867, now deputy treasurer under his father; Blanche, born August 16, 1870, at Latrobe, died November 3, 1874; Ella, born at the same place, April 3, 1873, now at home and acting as her father's clerk and typewriter; Charles Wesley, born at Latrobe, January 21, 1876, now manager of his father's dry goods store in Greensburg, Pa.; Ada M., born at the same place, March 16, 1879, died April 14, 1886, at the age of eight years. William Milton, Ella and Charles Wesley attended school as follows: William Milton went from the Latrobe high school to the State Normal at Indiana, Pennsylvania, 1884; Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, 1885. The next two years he taught in the high school at Latrobe; was bookkeeper in his father's store for a year or more, when he accepted a position in the First National Bank at Latrobe, which he held for twelve years. From there he entered his father's office as deputy county treasurer; Ella attended the Pittsburg Female College in 1889; then attended Neff College, of Philadelphia one year, and now assists in her father's office, he being treasurer of Westmoreland county. Charles Wesley attended Grove City Business College, of Mercer, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1892. He then clerked in his father's store, until he took his place as commercial traveler which place he faithfully filled eight years, until the firm ceased to exist. These children are all at home and unmarried. Mr. Shumaker's first wife died April 14, 1894, at Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He married (second) Margaret H. Henderson, a native of Bedford, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Hugh John and Jane (Reed) Henderson. Her grandfather, John Henderson, came from Ireland. Jane (Reed) Henderson, Mrs. Shumaker's mother, was the daughter of Thomas and Eupemia (Moorhead) Reed. Her great-grandfather and great-grandmother were Thomas and Phebe Moorhead. By Mr. Shumaker's last marriage the following children were born: Henderson, born July 23, 1897; Margaret, born March 23, 1899, died January 16, 1900; Isabella Jane, born March 26, 1901; Theodore, born March 11, 1903, died in infancy.

Mr. Shumaker has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for thirty-five years, twenty years of which time he has served as president of the board of trustees at Latrobe. He was on the building committee when the church was erected there in 1881, and generously donated towards its building expense. He is a member of a quarter of a century standing in both the R. A. and A. O. of U. W. lodges, at Latrobe and belongs to the G. A. R., W. P. Williams Post No. 4, in which order he has passed all the chairs and was a delegate to the state encampment in 1886. No citizen of the county stands higher in the estimation of the people than Mr. Shumaker. He has ever been loyal to his country, his native state and county; been prompt in all his dealings, with his

fellow men by the true christian spirit ; is a thoroughgoing business man and an exemplary father and husband. Notwithstanding he was for twenty-one years a "knight of the road," mingling with all classes of men, subject to temptations on every hand and saw the rough side of army life in time of the rebellion, yet always maintained a manly character and continues to enjoy the respect of all about him. He is now enabled to be surrounded with the blessings of a well reared family and enjoy the fruits of his labors.

THE BRUNOT FAMILY is one of the old families of France, which first came into national prominence during the period of the religious wars in that country in the sixteenth century. Major Sanson Brunot (great-great-grandfather) was a distinguished officer in the French army and has a coat of arms (still in possession of the Brunot family), which was bestowed on him for meritorious conduct on the field of battle. His son, Dr. Felix Brunot (great-grandfather), was born in Parish Morey, France, January 9, 1752, and was a foster brother of General LaFayette. He was originally intended for "orders" by his uncle, a Catholic bishop, but experiencing an aversion for that calling he was permitted to enter upon the study of medicine. After graduation from one of the first medical schools of France he joined General LaFayette in his espousal of the patriotic cause in America. He came to this country in 1777, was appointed surgeon in the Continental army under Washington, and rendered invaluable service at the battle of Brandywine and on many other battle fields during the revolutionary war. At the close of that great struggle he was recognized as one of the most successful physicians and skillful surgeons in the new-risen Republic, in whose cause he had patriotically risked his life, and with whose destiny had unhesitatingly cast in his fortunes. No warmer hearted and more earnest friend of freedom than Dr. Brunot ever came to this continent, and no man's service was ever rendered in the cause of American independence more devotedly than his. After the declaration of peace between Great Britain and the "Thirteen Colonies," Dr. Brunot located at Annapolis, Maryland, but soon removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he enjoyed a large practice and remained until 1797. In that year he came to Pittsburg and selected his place of residence on a beautiful island (now known as "Brunot's Island") in the Ohio river, a short distance below that city. At his island home he entertained his foster brother and comrades in arms, General LaFayette, and George Rogers Clarke and Herman Blennerhasset and many other prominent characters of American history. He subsequently removed to Liberty street, Pittsburg, where he died May 23, 1838. He was a public-spirited citizen, and after coming to Pittsburg always took a great interest in the growth and prosperity of that city. Dr. Brunot was twice married. His first wife was a lady of Annapolis, by whom he had one daughter, who married but died without issue. His second wife, Elizabeth Kreider, of Philadelphia, whom he married December 17, 1789, bore him six sons and one daughter. Of these sons, Breton and Casper were physicians ; Sanson was a prominent minister in the Episcopal church and at one time was in charge of the church at Greensburg ; Hilary served as a lieutenant in the United States army, and the other two, Felix and James M., became lawyers and settled in the southern states. James M. Brunot was the father of Hilary B. Brunot, now practicing law in Brevard, North Carolina. Susan Louisa was the only daughter.

Lieutenant Hilary Brunot (grandfather) was the fourth son and was born July 14, 1795, in a house that is still standing in Philadelphia, on the bank of the Schuylkill river. When quite young he entered the United States Military

Academy at West Point, and was a member of one of the early classes which was graduated from that institution. After graduation he was commissioned as lieutenant in the United States regular army, and was wounded in the sortie at Fort Erie during the war of 1812, and was promoted to first lieutenant for gallantry in this battle. After the close of that struggle he was stationed respectively at Fort Snelling, Mackinaw, Green Bay and Newport. From the latter place, Kentucky, he was stationed at the Allegheny arsenal in Pittsburg. In 1825 resigned his command in the army and was engaged in the manufacture of white lead for many years. His works occupied the entire square upon which the Union depot in Pittsburg now stands. Lieutenant Brunot retired from active business in 1850, and died March 26, 1872. He was an earnest Christian, a man of great force of character, and was very active in politics. He was a Whig and later a Republican, and served for many years as a member of the city councils of Pittsburg. He married, May 6, 1819, Ann Tankard Reville, a daughter of Randell and Margaret Reville, of Newport, Kentucky. The Revilles were early settlers of Somerset county, Maryland. To Lieutenant and Mrs. Brunot were born nine children, of whom none are living. Felix R. Brunot, of Pittsburg, one of the children, was one of the most noted philanthropists of his day.

Hilary J. Brunot (father) was educated in Sewickley Academy and Western University of Pittsburg. Leaving school he was engaged for a short time in the white lead business. In 1845 he engaged in civil engineering and assisted Nathan McDowell to make test surveys for slackwater navigation on the Monongahela river. In 1849 he went with a Pittsburg company to California, where he remained two years. In 1851 he returned to Pennsylvania and helped locate and survey the Allegheny Valley Railroad. In 1854 he resigned from the engineer corps and went to Indiana, where he married and then purchased a stock farm in Rock Island county, Illinois, upon which he resided for five years. In 1859 he removed to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in farming and speculation in coal lands until 1873, when he came to Greensburg. Since then he has been dealing in coal, oil and gas lands. He was one of the pioneers of the natural gas business, and with the Haymaker brothers put down the first well at Murrys ville. In 1883 he started the *Daily and Weekly Press*, one of the leading papers of the country, which now has far more than a local circulation. During the late war Mr. Brunot was mustered into the service of the United States at Camp Howell, July 2, 1863, and served until August 16, 1863, when the regiment, the fifty-fourth, Pennsylvania Volunteers, was disbanded and he was discharged. Hilary J. Brunot married, at Boone Grove, Indiana, July 12, 1855, Mary Bissell. Their children were: Ann Elizabeth, wife of Hilary B. Brunot, Brevard, North Carolina; Mary Caroline, widow of Dr. I. P. Klingensmith, of Blairsville, Pennsylvania; Hilary Sanson, United States consul at St. Etienne, France; Sarah Louisa; William B., died at the age of nineteen years; Felix R., a broken of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Melusina B., wife of Joseph K. Barclay, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; James Thompson, died in 1902, and was survived by his wife, Rose Latta Brunot, and an infant son, James T. Brunot; Indiana Traner, died in infancy; John Breton, of whom later. Hilary J. Brunot died June 9, 1900.

John Breton Brunot, son of Hilary J. and Mary (Bissell) Brunot, was born at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1878, and received his education at the high school, Grove City College and University of Michigan. At the last named institution he took a three year law course, graduating June 19, 1902. He was admitted to the practice of his chosen profession in Westmore-



land county, May, 1904. Shortly thereafter he became associated with J. R. Spiegel, under the firm name of Spiegel & Brunot, whose office is in the Press building at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Politically Mr. Brunot is a supporter of the Republican party, and in church affiliations is an Episcopalian. He married, August 26, 1903, Alice E. Turner, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, daughter of John B. and Mary B. Turner. The father was an early settler and prominent business man of Cedar Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Brunot have one son, John B. Brunot, Jr., born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1904.

JOHN J. HOUSER, a leading business man of Ruffsedale, whose honorable and straightforward methods have brought to him a large degree of prosperity and success, is a native of New Stanton, Pennsylvania, born December 13, 1866.

John G. Houser, father of John J. Houser, was born in Germany. When sixteen years old he left his native land for a home in the new world, locating at what is now known as New Stanton, Pennsylvania, where for a few years he was engaged in boiling salt. Later he turned his attention to farming in South Huntingdon township, which he continued until 1904, since which time he has lived in the village of Ruffsedale. He has held the office of school director for five or six terms, rendering efficient service in that capacity. He is a member and deacon in the Lutheran church, a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and a director in the Mendon Grange Fire Insurance Company for several years. He married Rebecca Bare, daughter of Joseph Bare, and eight children were the issue, one of whom died in infancy. The surviving members are: John J., of whom later; Ida, wife of J. C. Husband, of Greensburg; Mary, unmarried; Martha, wife of Alfred N. Miller; Sarah, wife of Frank Leighty; William P., a clerk in the employ of his brother, John J., and Lula, unmarried.

The common schools of South Huntingdon township and the Greensburg Seminary, which he attended one term, afforded John J. Houser the opportunity of acquiring a practical education during his boyhood days. His first occupation was that of teacher, in which capacity he served for seven years in the schools of East and South Huntingdon townships. He engaged as clerk with J. H. Ruff, at Ruffsedale, in 1892, and at the expiration of one year he purchased the business which consists of a general line of merchandise, and has successfully conducted the same up to the present time (1905). He takes a keen interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community in which he resides, especially along educational lines, and for one term held the office of school director. He was a delegate to the state convention of school directors which convened at Harrisburg, in 1903. He was instrumental in the organization of the Lutheran church of Ruffsedale, in which he serves as deacon and to the support of which he is a liberal contributor. He is a Democrat in politics. He is a charter member of the Knights of Malta, Lodge No. 350, Beacon Commandery of Ruffsedale. Mr. Houser married Cora M. Leighty, daughter of M. J. and Eliza Leighty, and their children are: Grover, born June 27, 1894; Mildred, May 7, 1897; and Corinne, December 4, 1901.

JOSEPH P. LOVE, a resident of Alverton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and a man prominent and active in community affairs, was born in South Huntingdon township, August 23, 1844, son of Benjamin and Mary (Tintsmen) Love.

Benjamin Love, father, was a native of Ireland, who emigrated to this country in company with his father, Benjamin Love, settling in Pennsylvania.

He was twelve years of age at the time of his arrival in this country, and spent the remainder of his life in South Huntingdon township, being engaged in the butcher business and farming. He and his wife, Mary Tintsmen, had sixteen children: Margaret, deceased, wife of Frederick Spielman; Robert, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Nancy, wife of James Hough; Benjamin, deceased; Abram, a farmer; Sarah; John, deceased; Martha; James, a carpenter of Scottdale; Julia, deceased; Jane, died in infancy; David, a farmer; Joseph P., of whom later; Catherine, wife of Joseph Ruth, and Benjamin, deceased. Benjamin Love, the father of these children, died in 1862.

Joseph P. Love received a common school education, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for some years. When the cloud of war overspread the country in 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served for a term of three years. Since his return to civil life he has been engaged in various avocations, giving most particular attention, however, to the butcher business. In his political relations Mr. Love is a strong Republican, and served as justice of the peace for eleven years, assessor, collector, and, in short, in every township office with the single exception of school director. Mr. Love is deeply interested in all community affairs, and in all the positions of trust and responsibility to which he has been elected, he has discharged his duties most acceptably. He was appointed, July 6, 1904, a rural mail carrier by the government, on No. 3 delivery from Mount Pleasant. He is a charter member of the Knights of Malta lodge in Scottdale. He married, October 31, 1871, Emma Tarr, daughter of Daniel and Frances (Teller) Tarr, and their children were: Jessie Frances, wife of Dr. G. C. Kneidler, of Allegheny City; Edwin M., a resident of Pittsburg, and Mazie Viola, a graduate of the East Huntingdon high school, the Mount Pleasant Institute, and for three terms a teacher in the Alverton public school.

WILLIAM L. STONER, deceased, for many years a representative citizen of Scottdale, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1848, a son of Joseph and Ann (Lane) Stoner.

In early life, after acquiring a common school education, he learned the trade of carpenter, becoming an expert mechanic as the result of close application to his work during his term of apprenticeship, and later became a contractor and builder, many of the finest buildings in the county standing as monuments to his skill and ability along these lines. Failing health forced him to abandon his work and in order to recuperate he started for Colorado, May 15, 1888, but died at Wood River, Nebraska, June 5, 1888, passing away while yet in the prime of life. He was a consistent member of the United Brethren church, and a man of exemplary habits, honored and respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Stoner married Lucy A. Null, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Seanor) Null, and granddaughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Paul) Null. Their children are: Maud M., born November 12, 1873, a graduate of the Curry Business College, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, wife of J. Sheridan Bradley, a merchant of Scottdale. Harry Null, born March 2, 1876, an agent of Scottdale, also a graduate of the Curry Business College. He married Malinda A. Brothers, who bore him one child, Vernon Null, born December 16, 1901; he married (second) Erma L. Gessner, who bore him one child, Frances Catharine, born July 29, 1904. Edna S., born January 6, 1880, wife of Lloyd Hough, a machinist of Scottdale. Nellie O., born August 9, 1885, a graduate of the East Huntingdon high school, now serving in the capacity of teacher in the schools of East Huntingdon township.





*John McCreary*

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

**WILLIAM KISSELL.** The grandfather of Edwin Kissell, of this township, was William Kissell, who was born in Germany, emigrated to this country, and was a storeman by trade. He was married and settled in the Lagerberg valley, where he lived the remainder of his life. William Kissell, his wife and three children were, George, deceased; Frederick, deceased; and John Wesley, of Clear Lake, California, who is the son of Frederick, deceased. There are also several children of whom are deceased.

William Kissell married Sarah, daughter of Jacob Neff, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and when a child he was sent to the mill and to the store. In his early life he learned the cooper's trade and was employed in the mills and the forge. For seven years he was employed in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1871 he purchased the property on which he now lives and which is known as the Kissell place. He was married about 1877 and continues to reside on his property. He has represented the management to his son Edwin, Reddick Kissell, who is married to the daughter of Frederick Snyder, and their children are: William, John, Edwin, mentioned hereafter; John, Alexander, and Luella. Edwin Kissell is married to a Mr. Jack, of Pittsburgh; Luella is married to a Mr. Frank, of Chicago; Ray B. and Kenneth Kingdey, of this township.

Edwin Kissell, son of William and Mary Ann (Snyder) Kissell, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and when about fourteen years of age he came to Clear Lake, but decided to go west, where he spent five years, and then he came back to Clear Lake, since he returned to Pennsylvania and took up his abode on his father's land after the death of his mother. About a year after his return he succeeded his father as proprietor of the Kissell place, and the hotel, which he has since successfully filled. The hotel is located in the northeast of the place and is one of the best known stopping places in the Pennsylvania. Edwin Kissell is a member of the West Lake Lodge, No. 1, and is a Republican in politics. He married Annie Esther, daughter of Nelson and Mary Jane (Hess) Clarke.

**JOHN McCREARY.** JOHN McCREARY, who was for many years a prominent and successful business leader in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in Allegheny township, November 28, 1847, the son of George and Sarah (Kline) McCreary.

John McCreary (great-grandfather) emigrated to this country from Ireland in 1785, settling in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. There were three sons in the family, John, William and Henry. Having settled in a community in which the German language was spoken and taught in the parochial and subscription schools, they learned to speak this language, and it formed the basis of their education. About 1780 the three sons left their homes for the west, as it was then called. William and Henry went to Kentucky, where they prospered.

John McCreary (grandfather) settled in Salem township in the village of New Salem, now Delmont, later removing from there to Allegheny town. His children were: John, Elizabeth, Mary, Samuel, Henry and George. John was a successful business man and was extensively engaged in farming and growing. He owned a fine farm in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which he after-



*John McHenry*

**EDWIN RUTHVEN KISSELL.** The grandfather of Edwin Ruthven Kissell, of Ligonier township, was William Kissell, who was born and reared at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and was a stonemason by trade. He moved to Westmoreland county and settled in the Ligonier valley, where he followed his trade during the remainder of his life. William Kissell married Sarah Witter, and their children were: George, deceased; Frederick, deceased; Denial C., mentioned hereafter; Franklin; John Wesley, deceased; Matilda, deceased; Lucinda, who became the wife of Solomon Grisword, and is deceased; Jerome; and William Albert; both of whom are deceased. The father of the family died in 1858.

Daniel C. Kissell, son of William and Sarah (Witter) Kissell, was born March 28, 1838, in Lancaster City, and when a child was brought to Westmoreland county by his parents. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade and followed it for some years in Pittsburg. For seven years he was car inspector at Irwin for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1871 he purchased the property where he now makes his home and which is known as the Kissell Spring Hotel. It was opened by him about 1877 and continuously conducted by him until 1899, when he resigned the management to his son Edwin Ruthven. Mr. Kissell married Mary Ann, daughter of Frederick Snyder, and their children are: DeWitt Clinton, Edwin Ruthven, mentioned hereafter; John Wesley, William S., Mildred D., married a Mr. Jack, of Pittsburg; Luella Montrose, married Robert Gilligan; Ralph, Ray B., and Kenneth Kingsley. Mrs. Kissell died in 1898.

Edwin Ruthven Kissell, son of Daniel C. and Mary Ann (Snyder) Kissell, was born September 15, 1866, at Irwin, Pennsylvania, and when about fourteen years old started for Scotland, but decided to go west, where he spent five years as a cow boy. At the end of that time he returned to Pennsylvania and worked as a carpenter and builder until after the death of his mother. About a year after that event he succeeded his father as proprietor of the Kissell Spring Hotel, a position which he has since successfully filled. The hotel is situated five miles northeast of Ligonier and is one of the best-known summer resorts in western Pennsylvania. Mr. Kissell is a member of the West Fairfield church. He is a Republican in politics. He married Annie Esther, daughter of Noah H. and Mary Jane (Ross) Clarke.

**JOHN MCCREARY,** who was for many years a prominent and successful horse dealer in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in Allegheny township, November 28, 1845, the son of George and Sarah (Kline) McCreary.

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John McCreary (grandfather) settled in Salem township in the village of New Salem, now Delmont, later removing from there to Allegheny township. His children were: John, Elizabeth, Mary, Samuel, Henry and George. John was a successful business man and was extensively engaged in farming and droving. He owned a fine farm in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which he after-

ward made his home. He was a man of sterling character, a Whig in politics, and a member of the Methodist church. He died in 1865. The death of John McCreary, Sr. occurred in 1844.

George McCreary, the youngest son of John McCreary, and father of John McCreary, was born on the old homestead, August 8, 1808. He acquired a common school education, was a farmer, an uncompromising Democrat in politics, and a member of the Lutheran church. He was rugged in sincerity and emphatic expression and act. He married Sarah Kline, a woman of amiable disposition, who was universally loved. Their children were: Levi, John, Hiram, Henry, Jane, Susan, Mary and Adda.

There were no startling epochs in the life of John McCreary. In the business he chose, that of dealing in horses, he was successful, because he was painstaking, energetic and honest. He had thousands of patrons in western Pennsylvania, with whom he dealt for more than a quarter of a century, with ever-increasing confidence. He had none of the wiles so often practiced by members of his profession. The magnitude of his operations was remarkable, and for years he maintained a large sales stable in Brooklyn, New York. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and always an active Democrat. In 1884 he was the Democratic candidate for treasurer of Westmoreland county. He made a most gallant fight, but with all his colleagues on the ticket met defeat. He never faltered in his devotion to Democracy. John McCreary married, January 11, 1886, Bethelda Cresswell, daughter of Samuel Stuart Cresswell, whose wife was Rachel Hylyer. Samuel Stuart Cresswell was a son of Samuel Cresswell and his wife, Elizabeth Stuart, a great-granddaughter of Charles Stuart, who was defeated in a battle for the British crown and compelled to fly to Spain. His wife and two children, a boy and a girl, were carried to the British colonies in America and sold for their passage money. They descended from the Scottish Highlands and participated in quelling the Irish rebellion during the reign of King William. Samuel Stewart Cresswell was born near McCarricksburg, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1822, and died at Homer City, Indiana county, May 29, 1902. Mr. McCreary's devotion to his father and mother never wavered. He saw that they were comfortable during their lives. His business triumphs only increased his care and concern for those he loved. To his widow he left a handsome fortune as an evidence of his devotion. His last illness found him in the midst of his well-established and hopeful enterprises, and on the second day of November, 1903, death stopped the swift running current of a useful and successful life.

J. LLOYD KALP. One of Mount Pleasant's enterprising business men of the younger generation is J. Lloyd Kalp. He is a grandson of William K. and Margaret (Wadsworth) Kalp, the former a farmer of Donegal township.

William Andrew Kalp, son of William K. and Margaret (Wadsworth) Kalp, was born May 15, 1857, in Donegal township, was bred to farm life and educated in the public and normal schools. At the age of seventeen he began to teach, and for fourteen terms was an instructor in the country districts of Westmoreland county. He taught for two terms in Mount Pleasant, and at the age of twenty engaged in farming in connection with his work as a teacher. In 1890 he gave up his farm and settled in Mount Pleasant, where he spent the remainder of his life. He again became a teacher and also engaged for a time in the insurance business. Later he formed a partnership and entered the hardware business, the firm being known as Kalp, Mechling & Company. Subsequently it became Kalp & Mechling, remaining so until 1901 when Mr. Kalp



withdrew his interest in the business and turned his attention to real estate and fire insurance. He carried on an extensive business in both insurance and realty, and was one of the founders of the Citizens' Building & Loan Association, in which from its inception until his death, he held the office of secretary. In connection with C. E. Mullen he purchased and laid out in building lots the "James Neel farm" in the borough of Mount Pleasant. He was one of the promoters of the Mount Pleasant Creamery Company and also of the Mount Pleasant Tool Company in both of which he was a stockholder, and of the latter was secretary of board of directors. He was secretary of the Berlin Electric Light Company, of Berlin, Pennsylvania, and also of the Berlin Water Company, being part owner of both corporations. As secretary and treasurer he was connected with the Cedar Ridge Mines & Tunnel Company, of Idaho Springs, Colorado. Mr. Kalp was a benevolent and public-spirited citizen as well as a successful business man, and was one of the promoters of the Mount Pleasant Hospital and the free dispensary, acting as secretary of both. In Donegal township he held the office of justice of the peace, and in Mount Pleasant borough served as chief burgess and as a member of the school board. He was also a delegate to the Erie convention. He was first member of Marion Lodge, No. 562, F. and A. M., and also belonged to Urania Chapter, No. 192, R. A. M., Kedron Commandery, No. 18, K. T., Valley Consistory of Pittsburg, A. A. S. R., Gaugas Lodge of Perfection, Moss Rose Lodge, No. 350, I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum, and the Loyal Association. He was one of the founders and one of the trustees of Lodge No. 868, B. P. O. E.

Mr. Kalp married, June 16, 1877, Ellen Ulery, daughter of Frederick and Rachael (Ellis) Ulerich, as the name was originally spelled. Frederick Ulerich was born December 16, 1817, in Prussia, and came to the United States when a lad of fourteen. He settled near Stahlstown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he passed a part of his life as a farmer. His wife was of Scotch-Irish extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Kalp were the parents of the following children: 1. J. Lloyd, mentioned hereafter. 2. William Lawrence, a graduate of Bucknell and a teacher in Mount Pleasant Institute. 3. Margaret Ellen, a student at Bucknell. 4. Maude Cecelia, wife of J. D. Springer, a real estate and insurance dealer of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. 5. Kathryn M., a stenographer. 6. Bertha P., a student at Mount Pleasant Institute. 7. Viola R. 8. Clyde F. 9. Earl A. The three last-named are attending the public schools. The death of Mr. Kalp occurred December 23, 1903, and was lamented by all who knew him as that of an upright and worthy citizen and a truly good man.

J. Lloyd Kalp, son of William Andrew and Ellen (Ulery) Kalp, was born July 18, 1878, in Donegal township, and was educated in the public schools, Mount Pleasant Institute, graduating therefrom in class of 1899, and at Bucknell University, graduating in the class of 1903. In that year and the preceding one he was assistant to the registrar of the University, and after graduation became principal of the public schools of Saltsburg, Indiana county. He came to Mount Pleasant upon the death of his father, whom he succeeded in the real estate business and also in the insurance interest. He is secretary of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association, secretary and treasurer of the Cedar Ridge Mines and Tunnel Company, director of Berlin Water Company, of Berlin, Somerset county, and secretary of board of directors of Mount Pleasant Tool Company. He is identified with Marion Lodge, No. 562, F. and A. M., the Royal Arcanum, Moss Rose Lodge, No. 350, I. O. O. F., Encampment

No. 310 and Lodge No. 868, B. P. O. E. He married, September 14, 1905, Martha Wolfe, daughter of Charles Spiker Wolfe, deceased, of Lewisburg, Union county, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH W. SHELAR, one of the well-known and prominent physicians of Westmoreland county, was born in Niles, Trumbull county, Ohio, June 2, 1859. The Shelars in America originally came from Germany, and were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania. The great-grandfather of Joseph W. Shelar was engaged in iron-manufacturing in Maryland before the war of the revolution, and his grandfather was a potter by trade, and made the first piece of earthen ware west of the Allegheny mountains, and is supposed to have lived in Westmoreland county.

J. E. Shelar, father of Joseph W. Shelar, was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1833. When a boy he learned the trade of roller, at which he worked up to 1870, when he was promoted to superintendent of the mills at Niles, Ohio. He served for a time as chief of police, and is prominent in councilmanic affairs. During the time of the war of the rebellion, Mr. Shelar enlisted in the Union army in the fall of 1863, in an Ohio regiment of volunteers. He entered as a private, and April, 1864, was mustered out as a corporal. In 1854 he married Celestia McElwee, a daughter of Thomas McElwee, a native of Columbiana county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Shelar were members of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters.

Joseph W. Shelar, son of J. E. and Celestia (McElwee) Shelar, was educated in the public schools of his native place. His first regular employment was errand boy in a general store at Niles. On leaving this employment he attended the high school of Niles for two terms, and from 1874 to 1877 served an apprenticeship in a printer's shop. At the expiration of this term he removed to Warren, Ohio, remaining but a short time, when he returned and found employment in a nail factory. In 1881 he removed to Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and entered the drug store of E. J. McElwee as clerk. He remained there for a year, and then engaged in the management of a branch store of Mr. McElwee's, where he continued until 1884. Mr. Shelar entered into the study of medicine in 1882, studying first under the preceptorship of Dr. J. E. Rigg, now of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1883 he entered the Long Island College Hospital at Brooklyn, New York, attended three courses of lectures, and was graduated in 1886. He began the practice of medicine that year at Stoner, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, continuing there until 1896, when he removed to Mount Pleasant, where he has since been engaged in an extensive and lucrative practice. Dr. Shelar makes a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and his practice covers a wide range of territory. Dr. Shelar is a member of the surgical force of the Mount Pleasant Hospital, member of the Westmoreland County Medical Society, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Moss Rose Lodge; the Woodmen of the World, also the Grand Fraternity. He is medical examiner for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the Travelers' Insurance Company, and two of the fraternal societies. His political sympathies lie with the Republican party, in which he takes an active interest. He is a man of broad and liberal views, and is well thought of throughout the community.

In 1888 Dr. Shelar was united in marriage to Betta, a daughter of Solomon Stoner, of East Huntingdon township. In 1895 Mrs. Shelar died, leaving the following children: Camille V., Ethel Blanche, and Sollie B. In 1897 Dr. Shelar married for his second wife Anna M. Boyd, daughter of J. F. and Hannah Boyd, of Scottdale.

CHARLES F. COLDSMITH, one of the leading druggists of Westmoreland county, was born in Mount Pleasant, March 2, 1870, a son of John and Sarah (Brehan) Coldsmith. John Coldsmith was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and when a young man removed to Westmoreland county. He followed the occupation of a hatter, and was also engaged in the grocery business. He served as councilman of Mount Pleasant for some time and discharged the duties of that office with credit.

Charles F. Coldsmith was reared in the borough of Mount Pleasant, and received a good general education in the public schools of that place. After leaving the school-room he entered in his first regular employment in the drug store of Mr. M. S. Kuhn, remaining there for eleven years. In 1897 Mr. Coldsmith and Mr. Kuhn bought out the drug establishment of Mr. E. J. McElwee, and conducted the business under the firm name of Coldsmith & Kuhn. Previous to this Mr. Coldsmith had taken a course of instruction in the Chicago School of Pharmacy, and became a thorough master of the profession. He is also a registered pharmacist of Pennsylvania. His partnership with Mr. Kuhn existed until 1901, when Mr. Coldsmith succeeded to the ownership and management of the entire establishment, and it is now known as the Chrystal Pharmacy. The store is well stocked with a full line of drugs, medicine, etc., and he makes a specialty of filling prescriptions. The business is entirely successful and is considered one of the best drug establishments in the county. Politically Mr. Coldsmith is a strong Republican, takes a deep interest in the welfare of that organization and is an earnest party worker. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, Independent Order Odd Fellows, and Knights of Malta, No. 350, Moss Rose Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 868. He is also a member of the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the Westmoreland Druggists' Association. Mr. Coldsmith erected a handsome residence on Eagle street, Mount Pleasant, where he has since resided.

Charles F. Coldsmith was united in marriage to Daisy May Lozier, daughter of Henry Lozier, of Mount Pleasant. The following named children were born to them: Daisy Marie, deceased; Eugene McKinley and Gertrude Genevieve. They are members of the Church of God and German Reformed church, respectively.

WILLIAM McNAUGHTON. Among the energetic and enterprising business men of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, perhaps no one has attained to a higher degree of success than William McNaughton. He was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1855, a son of James and Mary (Griven) McNaughton. His father was born and reared in Philadelphia, and was by trade a shoemaker. He traveled extensively, but spent the most of his life in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He served some eighteen months in the Civil war in Knapp Battery. He married Mary Griven, a native of the north of Ireland, and the following named children were born to them: James, William, mentioned hereafter; Rebecca, Harry, Charley, Jennie, Kate, William, two children who died in childhood, and George. The father of this family died in 1899, well advanced in years.

William McNaughton was reared in Pittsburg, and educated in the common schools of that city. At the age of nine years he left the school-room, entering into his first regular employment with the McKee Brothers Glass Manufacturing establishment. His earnest and diligent work won rapid promotion for him, and he subsequently became a practical glass maker. He removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, remaining there some fourteen years. After this

he removed to Findlay, Ohio, and there became interested in the manufacture of glass. He became a member of a glass firm there and assisted in the establishment of two glass plants. After some seven years spent in the state of Ohio Mr. McNaughton returned to Pennsylvania, associating himself with the Bryce Brothers as manager of their establishment, and in 1898 was admitted to the firm, and is now a member of the board of directors. Mr. McNaughton is pre-eminently a self-made man. Thrown upon his own resources at the tender age of nine years, with a very limited education, and no capital except determination to succeed and willingness to work, Mr. McNaughton has by dint of those success-getting qualities—patient perseverance, unfailing energy and indomitable will—advanced himself to an enviable place in the ranks of successful and prosperous business men. In politics Mr. McNaughton accords with the doctrines of the Republican party, and loses no opportunity to advance the interests of that organization. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 868, Mount Pleasant; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Jefferson Lodge, No. 12, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Knights of Pythias, Hylis Lodge. In 1898 Mr. McNaughton erected his handsome residence on Washington street, Mount Pleasant. As a citizen he has the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen and is well thought of throughout the community.

In 1873 Mr. McNaughton was united in marriage to Mary A. Holmes, daughter of William Holmes, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the following named children were born to them: William, in the employ of the Bryce Brothers. Laura, the wife of Aaron B. Shaw, of Mount Pleasant; they have one child, Elsie. Mary, residing at home. Howard, living at home. Mr. McNaughton and his family are members of the church of United Presbyterians.

MYERS WORMAN HORNER, M. D., physician and surgeon, whose office is located at the corner of Main and Diamond streets, Mount Pleasant, is a native of that borough, born December 27, 1870, son of Isaac and Sarah (Myers) Horner, of Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Horner was reared to farm life, educated in the public schools, Mount Pleasant Institute, and Central State Normal school, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1890. The following three years he was engaged in the vocation of teaching, the first year in the district school of Mount Pleasant township, and the two succeeding years as vice-principal of Mount Pleasant schools. He then began the study of medicine in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and graduated therefrom in 1896. The first three months after his graduation he practiced his profession in the city of Philadelphia, attending to the practice of Dr. Johnston. He then returned to his native place, Mount Pleasant, where he has since established for himself an enviable reputation and gained a large and remunerative practice. The success he has gained in his profession is due to his quickness of perception, promptness in action, capability, and tender and sympathetic disposition. He is a member of the United States pension examining board located at Scottdale, Westmoreland county, and is a member of the surgical staff of Mount Pleasant Hospital. Dr. Horner is a member of the Westmoreland County Medical Society, of which he was president; Pennsylvania State Medical Society, American Medical Association, the Association of the United States Pension Examining Surgeons. He is president of the board of health of Mount Pleasant. He is affiliated with Marion Lodge, No. 562 Free and Accepted Masons, Scottdale; Moss Rose Lodge, No. 350, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Mount Pleas-

ant Lodge, No. 868, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Protected Home Circle, American Order of United Workmen, of Mount Pleasant, and the Pike Run Country Club. He is a member of the board of education, and a member of Mount Pleasant fire department.

Dr. Horner married, October 31, 1901, Pearl Elvira Smith, who was born in Mount Pleasant, February 22, 1872, daughter of William H. Smith, of Mount Pleasant. They are the parents of a child, Sarah Smith Horner, born December 15, 1904. Dr. Horner is a member of the German Baptist Brethren church, and Mrs. Horner is a member of the Presbyterian church.

**JULIUS REICHMAN.** One of the most useful of Mount Pleasant's foreign-born citizens is Julius Reichman. He is a son of Joseph Reichman. He is a son of Joseph Reichman, who was a native of Austria Hungary and by trade a miller. His wife, Julia Reichman, bore him two sons: Joseph, and Julius, mentioned hereafter. Mr. Reichman is now deceased and is survived by his widow.

Julius Reichman, son of Joseph and Julia Reichman, was born in Austria Hungary, and was well educated in the colleges of Kaschau and Podolin. In 1896, at the age of eighteen, he came to the United States and after being for a time variously employed obtained a position in an exchange bank in New York city. After remaining there nearly three years, he became manager of a branch office in the same line at Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, retaining that position until 1901. In that year he and his brother Joseph established their present business at Mount Pleasant, under the firm name of Reichman Brothers. They are steamship agents and deal exclusively in foreign exchange, carrying on also a legal business in the execution of deeds and the sale of property in all parts of Europe. Their connection with European attorneys is very extensive, and they translate into all languages both legal and private documents. The rules and regulations for the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania were translated by Mr. Julius Reichman, under whose personal supervision the business in Mount Pleasant is conducted. April 11, 1905, Julius Reichman bought his brother's interest in the business and is now sole proprietor. He is a member of the Eagles.

Joseph Reichman, mentioned above as the brother of Julius Reichman, was born in Austria Hungary, and came to this country in 1891, being then eighteen years of age. He had been well educated in his native country and readily found a position in a banking house. He was a member of the firm of Reichman Brothers, but did not give his personal attention to the business. He is a resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he is engaged under the firm name of John Nemeth & Company in a business similar to that conducted by his brother in Mount Pleasant.

**HENRY JOHNSTON JORDAN.** Among the popular citizens of Mount Pleasant must be numbered Henry Johnston Jordan, son of Johnston Barndollar and Lovina Christina (Shupe) Jordan, and was born April 25, 1859.

He was educated in the public schools, and while still in his teens was employed at the Standard coal and coke works. He then assisted his father for two years in the hotel of which the latter was the proprietor, and in 1888 went to Connellsville, Pennsylvania, where for five years he was employed as a clerk. In 1893 he took charge of the National Hotel, of which his father had been the previous proprietor, and has since conducted the same. On becoming the

head of this establishment in which he has served an apprenticeship to the hotel business, Mr. Jordan refitted it throughout, making of it the largest and best-equipped hostelry in the borough. Mr. Jordan gives his whole attention to the duties of his position, which he is admirably fitted to discharge. He has always been actively identified with every movement having for its object the welfare of the borough, and although not an office seeker has been frequently urged to accept positions of trust which he has steadily refused to do. He is a member of the County and State Hotel Men's Associations, a charter member of the Loyal Association of the Royal Arcanum, No. 97, and also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, No. 592, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 868, a charter member of Mount Pleasant Lodge, a member of the Pike Run Country Club, of which he was one of the charter members, also a member of The Homeless No. 26. In political affairs he is a staunch Republican, and is ever ready to give of his time and efforts for the welfare of the organization. He is a member of the county committee. Mr. Jordan married, January 2, 1892, Eliza A., daughter of William and Mary Rush, of Connellsville, the former being now deceased. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jordon: Gertrude E., Henry, died March 16, 1903, in his seventh year; Christina Marie, and Josephine Elizabeth. Mrs. Jordan was born in Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

**WILLIAM H. SMITH.** In the ranks of Mount Pleasant's honored citizens William H. Smith holds a foremost place. The father of Mr. Smith, Joseph Smith, settled in Derry township on a tract of one hundred and thirty-six acres of land, which he cleared and on which he erected good buildings. He was a useful citizen and a worthy man, taking an active part in politics and also in church affairs. Joseph Smith married Christina Speilman, who like himself was of German descent, and they were the parents of thirteen children: Ephraim, born October 8, 1817, now resides near Pleasant Unity, being the sole survivor of the family with the exception of his brother William H. John, who was a shoemaker in Derry township; Catharine, who died in infancy; Jacob, who was a carpenter in Derry township; Mary, who became the wife of Henry Bussard; Susan, married George Rupert; Elizabeth, who was the wife of a Mr. Brinnell; Joseph, who was a tinner, and emigrated to Ohio where he died; Katie, married Henry Auckeman; Christiana, who was the wife of Seth Baughman, and after his death married again and moved to Indiana; Jones, who was a miller at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Andrew, who was a laborer and fence-builder of Unity township; William H., mentioned hereafter. Mr. Smith, the father of this numerous family, died on his farm in 1829, at the age of sixty-four.

William H. Smith, son of Joseph and Christina (Speilman) Smith, was born October 28, 1825, in Derry township, just above Latrobe, where he passed his boyhood. At the age of sixteen he went to Liscipes, Unity township, to learn the blacksmith's trade, remaining there about eighteen months. In the spring of 1844 he went to Mount Pleasant with his employer, Matthew McMillan, for whom he worked eight months after finishing his apprenticeship. He and his nephew, Joseph Smith, then bought out the business which they conducted together for about a year. Joseph Smith then decided to go to the Mexican war and in consequence the business was sold out, Mr. Smith for eighteen months thereafter working as a journeyman for William H. Smith. At the end of that time Mr. Smith purchased the business and continued to conduct it in that place until 1885, doing the work of a general blacksmith. In 1876





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he purchased a stock of hardware and established a business under the firm name of Smith & Company, the business being looked after by Mr. Rumbaugh, the partner, while Mr. Smith gave his attention to his trade. In 1885, as before stated, he disposed by sale of the smithy and engaged personally in the hardware business. In 1889 Mr. Rumbaugh died, his interest was purchased by Mr. Smith's son, William F. Smith, and the name of the firm was changed to its present form of W. H. Smith & Son. They carry a complete line of hardware, also buggies, wagons, farm implements, harnesses, robes, blankets, and in fact everything that bears a relationship to the business. The main storeroom has a depth of one hundred and fifty feet, with basement, and one of the two warehouses is forty by forty feet and consists of three stories, while the other, which has one story, is twenty by forty feet. This is the largest hardware establishment in Mount Pleasant, and the business has grown until it has assumed a magnitude equal to any of the kind to be found outside the limits of a large city. Mr. Smith's career as a business man contains a wholesome lesson for the youth of the present day, being an example of one who is a self-made man in the best sense of the term. Beginning with a salary of four dollars per month, he stands to-day as one of the solid business men of that part of Westmoreland county, his success being entirely due to close application to business and strict adherence to the principles of honorable and upright dealing. Mr. Smith is a public-spirited citizen, and about 1870 laid out a small addition to the town, known as Smith's addition, through which Smithfield street runs, and which consists of eight building lots with a plot of about one acre additional. He served two terms as burgess of Mount Pleasant, and for nine years was a member of the council. He has been for many years a devoted member of the Presbyterian church in Mount Pleasant. Mr. Smith married, August 10, 1848, Sarah, born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph Gibbs, and their children were: George W., a blacksmith in Mount Pleasant; Annie E., Norman, Catharine, wife of S. C. Stevenson, of Mount Pleasant; Charles K., died at the age of twenty-five years; William F., mentioned hereafter; Oma and Pearl (twins), the former is deceased and the latter is the wife of Dr. M. W. Horner, of Mount Pleasant. In 1898 Mr. Smith and his children were deeply afflicted by the death of the wife and mother, who passed away at the age of seventy-two. Mr. Smith has seven grandchildren as follows: S. Jean, Sarah E., William, Herbert N., William Stevenson, Viola Stevenson, and Sarah Horner.

William F. Smith, mentioned above, is the junior member of the hardware firm of W. H. Smith & Son. He is past master of Scottdale Lodge, No. 562, F. and A. M. and trustee of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 868, B. P. O. E. He also belongs to Moss Rose Lodge, No. 350, I. O. O. F., Encampment, and Pike Run Country Club. He married Mary A. Shaeffer, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and they have two children: S. Jean and Sarah E.

GEORGE J. SEANOR, sheriff of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, well and favorably known in that section of Pennsylvania, is a representative in the present generation of a family whose earlier members were among the first settlers of the state. The Seanors came originally from Germany.

Adam Seanor, grandfather of George J. Seanor, was born near Seanors church, Westmoreland county, toward the latter part of the eighteenth century, and died in 1864, aged about sixty-nine years. In politics he was a member of the Whig party, and in religious faith was a Presbyterian. He married Elizabeth Harrold, born three miles south of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and their

children were: Mary, married Jonathan Null, died in 1885; John, died 1885; Lewis, died in Washington state in 1904; George, died of fever at the age of twenty-six; Adam, of whom later; William, died in 1903; Henry, a resident of Kansas.

Adam Seanor, fourth son and fifth child of Adam and Elizabeth (Harold) Seanor, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1831. He had the advantage of a good common school education, and upon attaining a proper age turned his attention to farming and stock raising. This calling he followed all the active years of his life. He is prominently identified with the Presbyterian church, and affiliates with the Republican party. He married Salina Tweedy, daughter of William Tweedy, and they had ten children, the names of eight of whom are here given: Elizabeth, born 1854, died at the age of sixty-seven years; Louisa, 1856, married David Kepple; Emma, 1858, married Wilson Kepple; Harry F., July 29, 1860, married, September, 1881, at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Larus P. McKelvy, (See sketch of Harry F. Seanor); William, 1864, married Mary Kepple; Elmer, married Mattie Laughlin; Maggie, 1866, died May 25, 1905, married Samuel Kepple, and was the mother of ten children, nine of whom survive her; George J., of whom later; Charles, 1874, married Laura Hoffman.

George J. Seanor, son of Adam and Salina (Tweedy) Seanor, was born in Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1872. He was educated in the common schools of Westmoreland county, and farmed until he attained his majority, when he engaged with his brother Harry F. in the sale of farm implements and machinery at home as well as in other cities for three years. He then went to Springfield, Ohio, and accepted a position with the O. S. Kelly Company, traveling for them as an expert on steam street rollers throughout the United States. He was thus occupied for two years, and then went to the World's Fair at Chicago to take charge of their special exhibit. At the close of the fair he returned to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and again entered into business associations with his brother. He then entered the employ of the McCormick Harvest Machine Company as salesman, and remained with them for a period of about five years. In the fall of 1904, he was elected sheriff of Westmoreland county, and is now serving his term of office in that capacity. He was elected by the largest majority ever accorded a Republican candidate for this office in this section of the country. He had previously served as deputy sheriff under his brother Harry F. and also under Sheriff B. F. May. He has always been active, prominent and influential in the ranks of the Republican party. Mr. Seanor is also largely interested in real estate transactions, and in buying and selling fine breeds of horses. Mr. Seanor married, September 24, 1894, Alice R. Keiser, born September 14, 1872, daughter of Adam and Maria (Bolinger) Keiser. Mrs. Seanor's parents were born and married in Derry township, where her father was a farmer for almost fifty years, his death occurring January 17, 1900; his wife, born May 24, 1832, is still living. They were both members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. George J. Seanor and his wife have children: Adam Carleton, born August 5, 1895; Anita Maria, June 17, 1902.

LLOYD KOONTZ, proprietor of the Mount Pleasant Bottling works, one of the leading industries of that place, and one of the leading young business men of the borough, where he is universally respected and honored for his many excellent traits of character, was born October 1, 1879, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Koontz, father of Lloyd Koontz, was born July 6, 1855, near Somerset, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and there reared and educated. He served an apprenticeship at the trade of wheelwright, becoming an expert mechanic, and for many years followed the same, up to 1902. In 1885 he changed his place of residence to Westmoreland county, and at the present time (1905) is a resident of Mount Pleasant. He serves in the capacity of assistant to his son Lloyd, in the bottling works operated by him. He is an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. By his marriage to Elizabeth Baughman the following named children were born: Lloyd, George, Anna, Emma, and Myrtle. The family hold membership in the Reformed Church of Mount Pleasant.

Lloyd Koontz, the eldest child in the family above mentioned, was reared in Mount Pleasant and received his education in the public schools thereof. At the early age of ten years he entered the bottling works of Frederick Wehner, established by him in 1885, and operated by him for a period of about eight years. The plant then came into the possession of George Baughman, who conducted the same for a number of years, Lloyd Koontz remaining an employe, and in 1902 he purchased the same from Mr. Baughman and has conducted it in a successful manner ever since. He bottles all kinds of soft drinks, and the plant has a capacity of about eight hundred cases per day, and is frequently taxed to its utmost limit in order to supply the demand. Mr. Koontz is a charter member of Lodge No. 868, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 496, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Mount Pleasant and Council No. 296, Royal Arcanum. Mr. Koontz is unmarried.

JOHN R. BLACK. No name stands higher in the mercantile circles of Mount Pleasant than that of John R. Black, who comes of an old Mercer county family. His grandfather, Adam Black, was a man who figured conspicuously in local, state and national affairs, and for several years represented Mercer county in the Pennsylvania legislature. He was prosperous and had the reputation of being wealthy. He and his wife had the following children: Harriet, married Scott McCready, of Bedford, Pennsylvania; Sarah, married J. M. Fitzgerald, of Maquoketa, Iowa; Caroline, married T. W. Morrow, of Butler county, Pennsylvania; a daughter who died single; and Henry Calvin, mentioned hereafter. The death of Mr. Black occurred in Harrisburg, in 1848, while he was serving his fourth term as a member of the legislature.

Henry Calvin Black, son of Adam Black, was born in 1838, and was reared on the farm in Mercer county, being but ten years of age at the time of his father's death. He was educated in the public schools and at Duff's Business College, Pittsburg. When a young man he engaged in mercantile business in Blacktown, Mercer county, and later moved to Harrisville, Butler county, where he was in business more than thirty-seven years. He was a successful merchant, and was prominent in public affairs. He was one of the recognized leaders of the Republican party in that section of the country, and was ever ready to aid the best interests of the organization. Though frequently urged to accept office he invariably declined, but often acted as delegate to conventions. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church, in which for many years he held the office of elder. Mr. Black married Adaline, daughter of P. N. and Jane (McCoy) Painter, of Mercer county, and the following children were born to them: 1. Robert Newton, who was a dry goods merchant at Grove City, Mercer county, and died October 8, 1903, at the age of forty-two, leaving a widow and one child. 2. Austa M., wife of W. C. Hawn, a merchant of But-

ler county. 3. John R., mentioned hereafter. 4. Florence E., wife of C. W. Hood, a druggist of East Pittsburg. 5. Nora M. 6. James G., who was educated at Grove City College, and engaged in the dry goods business; he married Mabel Carson, of Maquoketa, Iowa, and they have two children: Marguerite, and Harold Calvin. Mr. Black, the father, died October, 1894, at the comparatively early age of fifty-four.

John R. Black, son of Henry Calvin and Adaline (Painter) Black, was educated at Grove City College, and learned the dry goods business from his father by whom he was ultimately taken into partnership, the name of the firm being H. C. Black & Son. After the death of his father the firm assumed its present style of J. R. Black & Company, the junior partner being Florence E. (Black) Hood, mentioned above. In 1899 they moved from their native Butler county, where they had hitherto dwelt, to Mount Pleasant, where they succeeded to the business of King & Mullen. The establishment has since been enlarged in every respect and is now the largest of its kind in the borough. Mr. Black belongs to Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 868, B. P. O. E., the R. A., the Maccabees, and various other fraternal orders. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Black married, in 1897, in Harrisville, Pennsylvania, Ida M., daughter of Hon. W. P. Braham, of that place, and they are the parents of two children: Helen and Carl Braham Black.

SMITH McCLELLAND ALBRIGHT, proprietor of Albright's restaurant and confectionery, one of the leading and best patronized establishments in Mount Pleasant, which he has conducted since 1896, was born in Preston county, West Virginia, in the vicinity of Kingwood, October 3, 1862. His parents are William and Rachel Albright, the former a miller by trade, whose operations have been conducted on an extensive scale. His grandfather, David Albright, emigrated from Germany and settled in West Virginia, purchasing large tracts of land near what is known as Albrightsville, a town named in his honor. He owned and operated a large distillery, conveying his goods to and from Baltimore, Maryland, by wagon, and in addition to this he operated a ferry across the Cheat river. He was a man of the strictest integrity, and by commendable industry and patient perseverance he carved out for himself a successful and enviable career.

Smith McC. Albright obtained the educational advantages afforded by the public schools of his neighborhood, which he attended until fourteen years of age. He then accepted a clerkship, remaining until he attained his majority, after which he engaged in the general merchandise business at Friendsville, Maryland, under the firm name of Gibson & Albright, where he remained eighteen months. He then came to Stahlstown, Pennsylvania, and in the fall of 1886 took up his abode at Mount Pleasant and engaged at clerking. The following year he returned to West Virginia, where he remained until 1891, and then returned to Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and for five years served in the capacity of clerk. At the expiration of that period of time he established his present business, that of restaurant, ice cream parlor and confectionery store. He began business in the building adjoining his present place, and after remaining there five years accumulated sufficient capital to purchase ground and erect a building of his own, a two-story structure, wherein he conducts a large and profitable trade. In 1899 he erected a fine frame residence on College avenue, Mount Pleasant, also a bakery, renting the latter, but this property he disposed of in 1901 at an advantageous price. In the spring of 1877 he became a member of Moss Rose Lodge, No. 350, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of

which he is now noble grand; a member of Ezra Encampment, No. 310; a member of the Royal Arcanum, No. 592; and a member of Improved Order of Heptasophs, No. 173.

Mr. Albright married, December 25, 1883, Keziah Irvin, who died October, 1885, leaving one child, Bertha Grace. January 1, 1888, Mr. Albright married Dora A. Davenport, a native of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, daughter of Alexander and Hanah Davenport, natives of New York state. Two children are the issue of this marriage: Eva May, and Emma Leona. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

ELMER R. SPRINGER, a member of the firm of Goodman & Springer, photographers, successors to A. M. Stauffer, whose place of business is located at No. 603 Main street, Mount Pleasant, is a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, born September 14, 1876, son of Joseph F. and Hannah J. (Davidson) Springer, who were the parents of thirteen children, nine of whom are living at the present time (1905), as follows: Thomas Newton, James Chalfont, Harry Johnston, Lewis Walter, Charles Alden, Howard, Elmer Rutan, Emma Mary, and Hallie May. The mother of these children, who was a daughter of the late Rev James Davidson, of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, died August 14, 1898. She is survived by her husband, who is a resident of Circleville, Westmoreland county, where he is leading a retired life. He was a farmer by occupation, was a Republican and later a Prohibitionist in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The boyhood of Elmer R. Springer was spent on his father's farm, and he devoted his time alternately in assisting with the work thereon and in attendance at the public schools, as is the custom of boys reared in the country. Upon attaining his majority he went to Scottdale and there learned the trade of photography, and in 1899 entered into partnership with Robert Goodman at the place mentioned above. This is the oldest established photograph gallery in the town of Mount Pleasant, and their work, both indoor and out, being of a high order of workmanship and finish, they receive a large share of the patronage of the residents of the town and also from adjoining towns, and they have the prospect of a long and remunerative business career before them. Mr. Springer is a member of Lodge No. 868, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Royal Arcanum, Pennsylvania Photographers' Association, and the volunteer fire department of Mount Pleasant. Mr. Springer was married February 21, 1900, to Bertha Laura Lee, daughter of Robert T. and Eleanor Lee, of Circleville, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one child, Laura Eleanor, born June 7, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Springer are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

FRANK S. DULLINGER, proprietor of the Mount Pleasant Steam Laundry, is a native of that township, born July 29, 1876, son of John and Catherine (Trent) Dullinger, and grandson of Samuel and Elizabeth Dullinger. Samuel Dullinger was a member of the Reformed church: he was survived by his wife, who passed away March, 1904, at the advanced age of ninety-four years.

John Dullinger (father) was a native of this section of the county. He was a teamster by occupation and a very prosperous man of business. During the Civil war he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served three years. He participated in twenty-eight battles, and the only wound he received was a slight one in the hand at

the battle of Gettysburg. He was a member of the American Order of United Workmen, Lodge No. 350, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Independent Order of Red Men, and Grand Army of the Republic. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Trent, and who bore him five children, namely: William; Emma, wife of C. A. Springer, of Mount Pleasant; Anna, wife of S. G. Miller, of Homewood; Edwin, deceased; and Frank S., mentioned hereafter. John Dullinger (father) died in 1900, aged fifty-six years. His widow is living at the present time (1905), residing in Mount Pleasant.

Frank S. Dullinger was educated in the public schools of his native town and at Mount Pleasant Institute. At the age of fifteen years he began to earn a livelihood for himself, becoming an employe in the Mount Pleasant Laundry, then under the proprietorship of G. C. Galley, and there he learned the business thoroughly, becoming highly proficient in all its branches. March 18, 1901, after ten years service with Mr. Galley, he purchased the plant and has since made many changes therein, adding from time to time new machinery to the number of seven machines, and at the present time he has one of the most completely equipped plants in that section of the county. He covers a large territory outside of Mount Pleasant, which includes Scottdale, Unity and other places, and he has a number of agencies in various parts of the county. He makes a specialty of high-class work, which fact accounts for the extensive patronage accorded him. Mr. Dullinger is a member of Lodge No. 350, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 868. Mr. Dullinger married, February 28, 1900, Minnie M. Clark, daughter of Roger and Amanda Clark, who reside near Hemminger Mills, Westmoreland county. The issue of this marriage was two children: Edmund and Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Dullinger are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are among the representative people of Mount Pleasant.

JAMES GRIBBIN, one of the old and honored residents of Mount Pleasant, is a native of county Derry, Ireland, his birthplace being about twenty-four miles from Belfast, and the date of his birth December 26, 1845. He is a son of Patrick and Frances (Mulholland) Gribbin.

He was reared and educated in his native land, remaining there until twenty-two years of age, when he went to Glasgow, Scotland, and in 1869 came to the United States, locating first at Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he resided for six months. He then came to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and for seven years was employed in a wholesale liquor establishment conducted by a cousin. In March, 1877, he took up his residence in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as teamster, and in 1880 he removed to Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, his present place of abode. The first sixteen years of his residence there he was employed at the Standard Coal works, after which he engaged in the hotel business, erecting the Mount Pleasant Hotel, which he conducted for eight years, at the expiration of which time he purchased the property. This is one of the oldest hotels in Mount Pleasant, and also one of the best patronized, this being due to the geniality of the proprietor, the excellence of the cuisine, and the courteous treatment tendered to guests and patrons. Five years after his arrival in this country Mr. Gribbin became a naturalized citizen, and since then has taken an active interest in all that pertains toward its welfare and development. He is a Democrat in politics, and exercises a potent influence in behalf of the party whose principles he advocates. Mr. Gribbin is a

man of thrift and perseverance, and he has steadily worked his way upward until now he ranks among the wealthy and influential residents of his community.

Mr. Gribbin married, June, 1876, Bridget Gribbin, who bore him the following children: Mary, wife of John P. Logan, of Wilmington, Delaware, a plumber, and they are the parents of two children: Thomas and James Logan. Frances, wife of Michael Mullan, of Mount Pleasant, who is employed as bartender for Mr. Gribbin in his hotel; they are the parents of three children: Thomas, James and John Mullan. Hugh, who assists his father in the management of the hotel; he married Annie McKinna, who bore him one child, Mary Gribbin. Eliza, who resides with her parents. Frances, deceased. The family attend St. Joseph Catholic church of Mount Pleasant.

ANDREW JOHNSON GEYER, a representative citizen of Scottsdale, in which borough he has been an active and potent factor for many years in the promotion of its varied interests, political, financial, industrial and social, was born at Schellsburg, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1866, son of Henry Garber and Catharine (Rettinger) Geyer, and a representative of a family of which one or more members in each generation have been active participants in the wars in which America has engaged.

John William Geyer, the pioneer ancestor of the American branch of the family, and a descendant of Flavan von Geyer, one of the leaders of the rebellion in Germany about the year 1400, was born in Germany, November 12, 1723. In 1749 he emigrated to America, returned to his native land in 1751, and the following year again came to this country, locating in Pennsylvania, from whence he removed to Annapolis, Maryland. He married, November 17, 1752, Anna Marie Reeler, who was born in the vicinity of Reading, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1725, and six children were the issue of this union: Conrad, John, Henry, Michael, Catharine and Anna Margaret. John William Geyer and his two sons—Conrad and Henry—served as privates in the Revolutionary war, and were with General Washington during his perilous journey across the Delaware river. Mr. Geyer died February 7, 1808, and his wife passed away November 26, 1806.

Henry Geyer, third son of John William and Anna Marie (Reeler) Geyer, was born February 12, 1756, died 1833. By his marriage to Catharine Kurtz the following children were born: Catharine, Conrad, Mary, George, Elizabeth, Frederick, Jonas, Susan, and Sarah Geyer.

Conrad Geyer, eldest son of Henry and Catharine (Kurtz) Geyer, was born June 15, 1792, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He married, May 1, 1833, Susanna Garber, of Reading, Pennsylvania, born July 10, 1807, and six children were the issue of this union, as follows: Mary, died in infancy; Sarah, also died in infancy; Henry Garber, John Calvin, Anna Marie, and Susanna. In early life he emigrated to Berks and afterwards to Bedford county, and his chief employment was teaming between Cumberland, Maryland, and Wheeling, Virginia, on the National road or old pike. A heavily loaded wagon passed over his foot and from the effects of the injury thus received he died at his home in Schellsburg, Bedford county, July 1, 1864, in the seventy-second year of his age. His wife died July 9, 1879.

Henry Garber Geyer, eldest son of Conrad and Susanna (Garber) Geyer, was born at Schellsburg, Bedford county, May 4, 1834. He was reared on a farm and followed farming for a number of years, after which he turned his attention to carpentering and contracting, which occupations he followed in

the borough of Scottdale, whither he moved to on May 15, 1873. In 1882 he erected a large frame hotel, known as the Geyer House, which he successfully conducted until his death, and was the first landlord at Scottdale to obtain license after the passage of the local option law. He was an active member of the Reformed church, which he joined in Schellsburg, in 1851. He was a Democrat in politics, but the only office he ever held was that of squire, and his commission bearing the signature of Andrew G. Curtin is still in the possession of the family. Ill health prevented him from joining the army in 1862 with his brother John, who enlisted as a private in Company H, Fifty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was promoted for bravery to the rank of first lieutenant and adjutant. He married, January 2, 1863, Catharine Rettinger, who was born February 20, 1843, in the vicinity of Mann's Choice, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, her parents having come to this country in 1830, locating near Mann's Choice. Their children are as follows: John Calvin, Andrew Johnson, Anna Mary, who became the wife of George A. Smith, of Cleveland, Ohio; Margaret Ellen, who became the wife of J. J. Price, of Clinton, Missouri; and William Henry. Henry Garber Geyer (father) died December 11, 1884, and since then his widow has conducted the hotel.

Andrew J. Geyer, second son of the late Henry Garber and Catharine (Rettinger) Geyer, graduated at St. Vincent College in 1888, after which he pursued a special course in architecture at the University of Pennsylvania. For a number of years he was the editor and proprietor of the Scottdale *Herald*, this being the only Democratic paper ever published in that borough. He has been awarded the contract for the designing of churches, school houses, business blocks and dwellings in various parts of four states, and in 1900 he designed and built the Geyer Theatre in Scottdale, in the management of which he has since been engaged. He was instrumental in the organization of the Broadway National Bank in 1902, and has served since then as a member of the board of directors, also filling a similar position in the F. A. Black Manufacturing Company. He was nominated on the Democratic ticket for the office of town councilman, and was elected in a Republican stronghold by a large majority, a fact which testified to his popularity as a citizen. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Company E, Eighteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out at the close of hostilities. In 1884 Mr. Geyer joined the Trinity Reformed church, and since 1901 has served in an official capacity. He is a member of Lodge No. 562, Free and Accepted Masons; Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, this being the oldest chapter in the United States; Lodge No. 777, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Geyer married, November 25, 1902, at Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania, Nora Virts Sewell, who was educated in the public schools of Scottdale, and the issue of this marriage was one child, Andrew Johnson, Jr., born March 14, 1904, at Scottdale. Mrs. Geyer is a daughter of Colonel George H. and Jennie (Horne) Sewell, who were united in marriage in 1872. Colonel Sewell was born in Baltimore, Maryland, June 20, 1849, enlisted as a drummer boy in Company B, First Maryland Regiment, and was later transferred to the secret service, where he remained until the close of the war. His wife, who was a native of Allegheny county, Maryland, died April 23, 1896. Colonel Sewell was a son of the Rev. Thomas Sewell, a lineal descendant of Pocohontas, who in 1835 was appointed collector of the port of Baltimore, which position he held for eight years.







*P. J. Maloy.*

PATRICK J. MALOY, the genial and popular proprietor of the Kromer House, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, is a native of that state, born in North Uniontown, June 15, 1867, son of Patrick and Mary (Mullen) Maloy, both natives of county Galloway, Ireland. They came to the United States about 1851-52, visited different localities, and finally located in Pittsburg, where they remained until 1865, when they took up their abode in Fayette county and have since resided there. Patrick Maloy served the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for many years as section boss, but is now leading a retired life, enjoying the competence he accumulated during his years of activity. Their family consists of four children: John, employed as clerk in the Kromer House, conducted by his brother, Patrick J. Maloy; Mary; Patrick J., mentioned hereafter; and Matthew, engaged in the construction of iron at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Patrick J. Maloy was reared and educated at Uniontown, his birthplace, and in the spring of 1900 engaged in the hotel business at Masontown, Pennsylvania, under the firm name of Maloy and Johnson, but the following year, December 18, came to the borough of Scottdale and has since assumed complete control of the Kromer House. Under his efficient management the hotel has been entirely renovated, and is now the leading hostelry in that locality. The house contains forty-five rooms, which are cheerful and well furnished, and the table is abundantly supplied with the best that the market affords. No one more fully understands or better provides for the entertainment and accommodation of the public than Mr. Maloy, who is ever obliging and courteous, and in this way he has secured a large and liberal patronage. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party, but in local politics he casts his vote for the candidate who in his opinion is best suited for office. He is a member of Scottdale Lodge, No. 777, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. November 24, 1896, Mr. Maloy was married to Grace McNally, and they are the parents of four children: Raymond J., Josiah T., John Donald and Arnold Edward. The family are members of the Catholic church.

JOHN W. MOODY, well and favorably known in religious and literary circles, was born at Middle Rasen, Lincolnshire, England, October 6, 1846. His father, John Moody, was a miller, his machinery having three motive powers, wind, water and steam. When the wind failed, water was used, and when there was a scarcity of water resort was had to a steam engine of primitive construction. The paternal ancestry of Mr. Moody were mostly engaged in agricultural pursuits. His father, besides being an active business man, was popular as a local preacher in the Methodist denomination. He had not been able to acquire a very extended education, but he was possessed of a natural eloquence and a gift of language which caused his services to be in constant demand, especially on such occasions as the anniversaries of rural churches, etc. Mr. Moody's family on the maternal side moved in somewhat higher circles.

Mr. Moody was educated in the national schools of England, and later took a classical course in the Brigg (Lincolnshire) grammar school, where many men of note prepared for Cambridge and Oxford. Failing health obliged him to curtail his studies, and when still quite a youth was apprenticed to Hinchcliffe & Holliday, of Hull, Yorkshire, England, to learn the art of printing and journalism in general. He remained here four years, obtaining a practical knowledge of every branch of this business. At the end of this period the firm failed and went out of business. Mr. Moody was worn out with his hard work of reporting for a morning newspaper, *The Hull Daily Express*, and his physician ordered him into the country. At the age of eighteen years he was

again bound apprentice, this time to a firm of grocers, J. T. & T. Varlow, of Brigg, Lincolnshire, England. He finished his apprenticeship with this firm and continued in this business until he was twenty-three years old, then again turning his attention to journalism. For a time he was engaged on the *Gainsborough News*, at Gainsborough, England, and then was assistant editor of the *High Peak News*, at Bakewell, Derbyshire, England, at the same time editing the *High Peak Tourist's Guide*, a society paper published at Buxton, the scene of one of the novels of Walter Scott. From Buxton he removed with his family to Preston, in Lancashire, and there became assistant editor of the *Preston Chronicle*, a widely circulated paper under the editorship of Anthony Hewitson, an uncompromising radical.

Mr. Moody's thoughts had often turned to the new world as offering a better field for him than the old, and a favorable opportunity offering at this time he took advantage of it in the spring of 1872 and came to America for the first time. A few days after landing he obtained employment on the *True American*, then owned by Naar, Day & Naar, at Trenton, New Jersey. The following spring he went into business on his own account, starting the *Chambersburg Weekly News*, (afterwards changed to the *Mercer County News*) which was a decided success notwithstanding the fact that it was a time of great panic and depression in business circles. About this time Mr. Moody, who had always been a great student, took up the study of theology. These studies finally led to the ministry, and in January, 1882, he was unanimously called to the pastorate of the Central Baptist church, at Junction, New Jersey, and was there ordained, September 27, 1882. He remained here for two years, and his success is attested by the fact that the membership of the church was tripled and a new church was organized at Washington, New Jersey, which is now in a very flourishing condition. In this work, as in his entire subsequent career, Mr. Moody gives much of the credit of his success to his wife. Again failing health suggested need of a change, and he accepted a call from Athens, New York, a beautiful village near the Hudson river. Here he labored for five years with his usual success, and then removed to Monongahela, Pennsylvania, where he served as pastor for three years. While in this town, in association with others, he started a denominational weekly known as *The Baptist Exponent*. From individual ownership to a joint stock company, composed of men who knew nothing of journalism but insisted upon managing the affairs, the descent to failure was swift and sure. Mr. Moody, however, had retired from the editorship six months before this culmination. From Monongahela he removed to Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and there was pastor of the Baptist church for five years. During the greater part of this time he was a contributor to the press, both secular and religious. At the suggestion of friends he assumed control of the *Baptist Expositor* at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and edited the same for some time, until it was sold to the *Baptist Commonwealth* of Philadelphia, and incorporated therewith. From Sewickley he assumed the pastorate of the old Peter's Creek church, at Library, Pennsylvania, where he remained two years, and then received a call from the First Baptist church of Scottdale, Pennsylvania, in which he served for nearly six years, resigning his pastorate in order to organize the Scottdale Printing & Publishing Company. This company, of which he is secretary, treasurer, manager and editor, purchased the *Scottdale Independent*, an old and well-established weekly. This paper was enlarged and improved, and in September, 1904, a daily edition was started, which gives great promise of success. While no longer in the ministry Mr. Moody frequently occupies pulpits in neighboring towns and cities. Elliott G. Moody, of Trenton, New

Jersey, who has held various positions of trust in the city and state of late years, is the only brother of John W. Moody, and Mrs. John Rowe, of Barnsley, Yorkshire, England, is his only sister.

John W. Moody married, January 26, 1870, Mary Elizabeth Gray, one of a family of ten children, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gray, of Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, England, who subsequently removed to Peterborough, England, where they died and are buried, and where most of the family now reside, some engaged in building and contracting, and others retired from business. Mr. Gray, while a farmer by occupation, was a mechanical genius, constructing with his own hands some unique articles, both useful and ornamental. Several members of this family have inherited this gift, and have utilized it to great profit and advantage in the course of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Moody have two children: Wallace Elliott, born in Gainsborough, England, December 5, 1870. He is married and has three children. Jessie Mabelle, born at Trenton, New Jersey, March 10, 1874. She married W. W. Stewart, eldest son of one of the oldest and wealthiest families of the rural districts of Allegheny county, and resides on the old Stewart homestead at Stewart, near Finleyville, which has been the home of the family for several generations. She is the mother of two children.

THOMAS JOSEPH DISKIN, an active and enterprising young business man of the borough of Scottdale, who has contributed in no small measure to its growth and prosperity, was born in the community in which he now resides, March 2, 1878, son of Thomas and Mary Diskin, natives of Scottdale.

He attended the public schools of Scottdale until ten years of age, when his parents removed to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, and he then attended the public schools of that city, also the Bellefonte Academy, from which institutions he was graduated. He continued his studies at the Central State College, graduating therefrom in February, 1898, after which he was a student at Duff's Business College, from which he also graduated. He then engaged in the real estate, mortgages, and insurance business, which he still continues, and in which he has achieved a large degree of success. In the latter branch of the business he handles life, accident and fire insurance, representing some of the best companies, namely: Springfield Fire & Marine; Prussian National, of Stettin, Germany; Teutonia, of Allegheny City; Allemannia, of Pittsburg; Armenia, of Pittsburg; Star, of Lexington, Kentucky; Capital, of Hartford, Connecticut; New York Life; and the American Casualty, of Reading. Since the establishment of his business, November, 1898, it has steadily increased in volume and importance, which fact is attributable to his honorable and straightforward methods of conducting business, and to the high and irreproachable character he bears among his fellowmen, who esteem him very highly. He has erected and placed on the market about twelve buildings in the borough of Scottdale, all of which were modern in their appointments, and by their architectural beauty added greatly to the attractiveness of the locality. Mr. Diskin is an Independent in politics. Mr. Diskin married, September 15, 1903, Anna Irene Dolan, of Butler, Pennsylvania, daughter of Daniel and Margaret Dolan, the former named being an oil operator of West Virginia. One child was the issue of this marriage, Mary Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Diskin are members of the Catholic church.

JOHN C. STEINER, justice of the peace of the borough of Scottdale, a veteran of the Civil war, and an active and public-spirited citizen, promoting to the best of his ability the interests of the community in which he resides, was

born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1839, son of Philip and Elizabeth (Fox) Steiner, and grandson of John Steiner.

John Steiner (grandfather) came from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, to Westmoreland county about the time of his marriage or shortly afterward. He located in Hempfield township and there purchased a farm of about one hundred and fifty acres, which he cultivated and improved, and whereupon he resided until his decease, when he was upwards of eighty years of age. He was a man of character and standing in the community, devoted to his home and family, and a consistent member of the Reformed church. He was a descendant of a German ancestry. His wife, who was a Miss Wentzel prior to her marriage, bore him children: Jacob, a hatter; Daniel, a mason; Joseph, a mason; Philip, mentioned hereafter; Henry, a blacksmith; John, a farmer; Hannah, married David Million; Elizabeth, married Michael Eisenman; and Mary, married John B. Miller.

Philip Steiner (father) was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, 1812, and died in 1894, having spent his entire life in his native township. He learned the trade of hatter during his boyhood with his brother Jacob in the village of Adamsburg, Westmoreland county. He followed this line of work for several years, then gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, and later worked at the trade of tinner, conducting a shop of his own until he attained the age of sixty-five years, when he retired from active business. As early as 1845 he served as supervisor of the township, and later served as supervisor, performing the duties carefully and conscientiously. He was a member and elder for many years in the Lutheran church, and was an adherent of Republican principles. He married Elizabeth Fox, daughter of Philip and Sarah (Campbell) Fox, the latter a native of Mercer county, Pennsylvania. Their children were: John C., mentioned hereafter; Maria, wife of John W. Finxel, of New Staunton, Pa.; Sylvester, a resident of Millersdale, Pa.; Henry V., a resident of New Staunton, Pa.; David P., deceased; Elsie C., wife of I. W. More, of New Stranton, Pa.; and Hannah, died in infancy.

John C. Steiner was reared in his native township, Hempfield, and educated in the public schools thereof. He worked at the trade of tinner with his father, and at the age of eighteen learned the trade of shoemaker which he followed up to 1885, conducting an establishment of his own in New Staunton, his business being one of the best and most extensive in that locality. In 1879 he was elected justice of the peace, which office he filled until 1894. Two years later he took up his abode in Scottdale, his present residence, and in 1901 was elected justice of the peace on the Democratic ticket, receiving a majority of two hundred and thirty-six votes. This attested to his popularity, as the borough has a Republican majority of four hundred and fifty votes. He is faithful and efficient in the performance of his duties, and has had very few reversals as he weighs carefully the evidence in each and every case brought before him. He also served as constable from 1875 to 1879. He enlisted, in 1863, in the Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania Militia, and August 30, 1864, became a member of Company K, Two Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He received a gunshot wound in the head at the battle of Petersburg, April 2, 1865, and was removed to a hospital, where he remained until his discharge from the service at the close of the war, June 22, 1865. He is a member of Colonel Ellsworth's Post, No. 209, of Scottdale, of which he is past commander. He is a member of Three Graces Lodge, No. 934, I. O. O. F., at Madison, Pennsylvania, and of A. O. U. K. M., No. 342, of Scottdale. He is efficient and well-liked as a public official, and stands deservedly high as a citizen of the county.

He married, August 9, 1860, Harriet C. Pool, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hauser) Pool. She was born in Hempfield township, and bore her husband children: Curtin Philip, a hotel proprietor; Lizzie M., wife of L. M. Hays, of East Greensburg, Pa.; Charles E., of Scottdale, employed as conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad; Katie T., wife of James B. Funk, of New Staunton, Pa.; Samuel O., cigar manufacturer of Scottdale; Annie M., unmarried; Joseph McKee, cigar manufacturer, Scottdale; and Sarah W., unmarried. The family are members of the Lutheran church of Scottdale.

The firm of Steiner Brothers, cigar manufacturers and dealers, conducting business at No. 103 Pittsburg street, Scottdale, is composed of Samuel O. and Joseph McKee Steiner, mentioned above. This firm was successor to C. P. Steiner, who succeeded B. C. Fritz, who was successor to Daniel Wilhelm. When the present firm took charge of the business in 1896, it was conducted on a small scale, operating three hands a portion of the time, but they at once put new life into it, and have increased gradually until at the present time (1905) they give constant employment to fourteen people. They manufacture stogies exclusively, all the various grades, and their goods find a ready sale in many states of the union. In their salesrooms they handle all kinds of cigars, tobacco and smokers' supplies, also stationery, newspapers, periodicals and various other articles along that line. The proprietors of this business are among the energetic young business men of Scottdale, are men of character and standing, and in every way worthy of the success which has crowned their efforts. Samuel O. born September 17, 1873, is a stockholder in two of the banks of Scottdale, a member of the Lutheran church, in which he serves in various official capacities, and also active in the Sabbath School connected therewith, and a member of the A. O. U. W., of which he is a collector. He married, August 24, 1904, Lillian B. Leichter, daughter of L. B. Leichter, of Everson, Fayette county. Joseph McKee, born February 14, 1875, is also a stockholder in two of the banks of Scottdale, a member of the B. P. O. E., Scottdale Lodge, No. 777, also R. A. He married, November 20, 1901, Catherine O'Neill, daughter of Charles O'Neill, of Everson, Pennsylvania.

JOHN S. PARKER, a prominent and influential merchant, head of the J. S. Parker Company, of Scottdale, whose successful career is ample evidence of what a man can accomplish by energy, perseverance, concentration and good business sagacity, was born in West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1842, son of John S. and Jane (Graham) Parker, natives of Ohio and Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, respectively.

John S. Parker (father) came to Westmoreland county when a young man from his native state, Ohio, which was then the western frontier of civilization, and at once engaged in mercantile business at West Newton. Later he removed to Reagentown and there conducted the same line of business until his death in 1857, at the age of sixty-five years. He was a substantial citizen, and always took a deep interest in every enterprise that tended toward the public good. He was stanch Democrat in politics, a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, in which body he was active officially, and a soldier of the War of 1812. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Graham, was a native of Westmoreland county, a member of the Presbyterian church, and a woman of remarkable business ability. After the death of her husband she conducted the business successfully for many years, aided by her sons. She died in 1882, aged eighty years. Their family consisted of nine children: Sarah Ann, deceased, who was the wife of James Weddle; Eliza Jane, deceased, who was the wife of

James P. Ward; Rebecca, deceased, who was the wife of James McCune; Harriet, wife of Abraham Ruff, of Mount Pleasant; Nancy Ellen, widow of James B. Smith, of Scottdale; Euphemia, wife of John Hurst, of Scottdale; John S., mentioned hereafter; Richard G., a resident of Huntingdon township; George C., who is associated with his brother John S. in business. George C. was born in the vicinity of West Newton, October, 1847. He was educated in the public schools, and his training in the mercantile line was obtained in his father's store. About 1873 he and his brother Richard G. established a business at Reagantown, conducting a general merchandise store until 1880, and the following year he came to Scottdale and engaged in business with his brother John S., with whom he has been associated continuously, being at the present time (1905) a member of the firm. He is one of the organized stockholders of the Savings & Trust Company of Scottdale. He was married August, 1896, to Ida E. Fry, daughter of David and Susan Fry. They are members of the Presbyterian church of Scottdale.

John S. Parker obtained his education in the schools of Reagantown and West Newton. After the death of the father he assisted his mother in the conduct of the store, rendering valuable service. In February, 1873, he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, James B. Smith, and engaged in the mercantile business at Scottdale under the firm name of Parker & Smith, which connection continued until 1881, when Mr. Smith withdrew and S. B. McMillan and George C. Parker became members of the firm. The name was then changed to J. S. Parker & Co., and so continued until 1884, when Mr. McMillan retired and the firm name became J. S. Parker & Bro., and continued as such until 1896, when the firm name was changed to J. S. Parker Co., as it stands today. They began business in a very small way, their stock consisting of groceries and a limited amount of dry goods. In 1890 the grocery department was eliminated. He now carries a full line of dry goods, notions, jewelry, men's and boy's clothing, ladies' ready-to-wear suits, millinery, carpets, window shades, curtains, linoleum and numerous other articles to be found in a first-class general mercantile establishment. He has occupied the same corner, Pittsburg and Spring streets, and the old building was enlarged from time to time to meet the growing demands of the business. In 1903 it was torn down and on the site was erected a fine three-story brick—pressed gray—building, 66x100, two floors of which they occupy, there being only one establishment in the county which occupies more floor space, and this establishment now stands in the front ranks of mercantile enterprises. Mr. Parker is one of the energetic, active business men of the borough, and has taken a deep interest in all enterprises that have been inaugurated, among which might be mentioned: The Scottdale Iron and Steel Company, limited, the pipe mill, the machine shop, and in 1901 he became one of the promoters of the Scottdale Savings & Trust Company, of which he is a director, and January, 1905, was elected president of the same. He also built one of the first houses erected in Scottdale. He is a member and trustee of the First Presbyterian church, to the support and maintenance of which he contributes liberally.

November 11, 1869, Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Pauline Ruff, daughter of Jonas and Ruth Ruff, of Mount Pleasant township. Mrs. Parker died in 1890, leaving five children: Richard H., an associate of his father in business; Frank R., an associate of his father in business; he married Olive Anderson, and their children are: Clyde, Gertrude and Pauline; Jane G., Effie May, Clyde, who died at the age of six years. In 1894 Mr. Parker married for his second wife, Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, nee Trader, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.



**HURST FAMILY.** Between Buckingham mountain and the Wrightstown line lay two tracts of land of one thousand acres each which were patented to John Reynolds and Edward West, respectively, neither of whom ever settled on the land or made any claim to it. On these tracts in the first part of the eighteenth century settled sons of the earlier settlers of the community and a number of Scotch-Irish emigrants, who improved the land, and later they or the representatives of those that died thereon, sold the "Improvement," and in most cases the title was acquired by "adverse possession," though some of the tracts were later confirmed by patent. Among those early settlers was John Hirst, as the name was then spelled, who was supposed to have been a native of England, and was of English or possibly Scotch-Irish origin. He died in Buckingham about 1754, and his widow, Ann Hirst, administered on his estate and sold the "Improvement" and his personal estate. On December 11, 1754, she petitioned the Orphans' court of Bucks county, setting forth these facts, and asked that auditors be appointed to pass upon and settle her accounts of administration. She also states that the decedent left "divers children who are under the age of twenty-one years," and asked that guardians be appointed for them so that the distribution of the estate might be made. She then gave the names and ages of the children, as follows:

"Nancy Hirst was 21 on ye 28th day of July, 1754."

"Betty Hirst was 20 on ye 4th day of October, 1754."

"John Hirst was 18 on ye 31st day of August, 1754."

"William Hirst was 14 on ye 5th day of October, 1754."

"Sarah Hirst was 12 on ye 5th day of February, 1754."

"Richard Hirst was 10 on ye 10th day of March, 1754."

"Judah Hirst was 7 on ye 17th day of May, 1754."

The Improvement was sold for one hundred and fifty-four pounds and ten schillings, and must therefore have been of considerable acreage. The balance shown by the account was two hundred and forty-eight pounds, eleven shillings and two pence, but no distribution appears of record, therefore there is nothing to show who the children were who were already of age in 1754. Of the above named family John and William Hirst settled in Solebury; in 1760 John Hirst married Mary Heston, daughter of Zebulon Heston, of Wrightstown, having applied for membership at Buckingham Friends Meeting in 1759. Their children were: John, Rebeckah, Sarah, Jesse, David and Ann. They left Bucks county about 1774. William, the other brother, married Ann Thomas, April 25, 1761; he was a blacksmith by trade.

Nathaniel Hurst, who is supposed to have been one of the older children in the family of John and Ann Hirst, left his home in Bucks county and obtained a warrant of survey for three hundred acres of land in Westmoreland county, April 3, 1774, for three hundred acres additional, July 1, 1784, and for two hundred and eighty-five acres and twenty-three perches, February 10, 1796. He and his wife crossed the mountains on pack horses, and settled about five miles from what is now the borough of Mount Pleasant, where he took up nine hundred acres of wild land, above mentioned, which is now known as the Hurst Settlement. Here they erected a log cabin and began life under the most adverse circumstances, as the Indians were on all sides of them, and many nights when the husband and father was out watching for an attack by the Indians, the mother with her little family would seek shelter in the underbrush, feeling safer there than in the cabin. By degrees they cleared and cultivated the land, which soon became productive and yielded them a goodly return for their labor. They lived to be well advanced in years, were respected by their

neighbors, and the supposition is that they were members of the Presbyterian church. Their children were as follows: Nathaniel, a farmer, who spent his life in Mount Pleasant township; Thomas, a farmer of Mount Pleasant township; James, mentioned hereafter; and John, who located and reared a large family on a farm purchased for him by his father.

James Hurst, son of Nathaniel Hurst, the founder of the family in Westmoreland county, was born, reared and spent his life in Mount Pleasant township. He followed the occupation of farming, owning a portion of the original homestead, possibly upwards of two hundred acres, and was one of the prosperous and thrifty men of the community. He married Sarah Blackston, daughter of James B. Blackston, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Their family consisted of the following children: James B., mentioned hereafter; Joseph, who was a farmer of Mount Pleasant township; John, who resided for some years in Fayette county, where his death occurred; Nathaniel, who was a farmer of Fayette county; Nancy, who became the wife of Ebenezer Moore, a farmer of Fayette county; and Priscilla, who became the wife of Samuel Miller, a farmer who resided in the vicinity of Latrobe.

James B. Hurst, son of James and Sarah (Blackston) Hurst, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1799. He was reared on the old homestead in Mount Pleasant township, and prior to his marriage settled on a farm in Tyrone township, Fayette county, where he resided at the time of his death from apoplexy in 1845. About the year 1829 he married Mary Long, daughter of Alexander Long, and her birth occurred in Tyrone township, Fayette county, about 1812 or 1813. Their children were: Alexander, deceased; Prissy, deceased; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of a Mr. Shallenberger; William, deceased; John, mentioned hereafter; and Frances, deceased, who was the wife of J. W. Shawman. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Hurst was married to James Cunningham, by whom she had two children: Elias L., proprietor of a hotel at North East, Pennsylvania; and Mary J., deceased.

John Hurst, son of Pames B. and Mary (Long) Hurst, was born July 6, 1839, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He was reared on his father's farm, educated in the common schools, and followed farming until his removal to Scottdale, Westmoreland county, in 1882. Here he established a mercantile business, which was later taken charge of by his sons, William and Harry R., who conducted the same for a time and then disposed of it to outside parties. During this time, however, he was employed at the trade of carpenter, which he followed for several years. In 1903 he erected a fine pressed straw colored brick block, one of the finest in the borough of Scottdale, at the corner of Pittston and Hickory streets, in which his son Harry R. has established a dry goods store on the first floor and rear of the second floor, and the front part of the second floor is occupied by Mr. Hurst and family as a residence, and the third floor is divided into apartments for residential purposes. He is a man who has always had the best interests of the community at heart, and is ready to assist in any way toward the betterment and uplifting of mankind. He was a member of the school board of the borough for six years, rendering valuable service during that period. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. In April, 1860, he married Euphemia Parker, daughter of John Parker, who bore him the following children: Mary J., died in April, 1904, aged forty years; she was the wife of William Owen, also deceased; William, mentioned hereafter; Harry R., mentioned hereafter; Candace, wife of G. F. Kelly, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Scottdale; Gertrude, unmarried; James B., who is engaged in the clothing and fur-

nishing business at Scottdale; and Edward, who is a student in the Pennsylvania State College.

William P. Hurst, eldest son of John and Euphemia (Parker) Hurst, was born January 26, 1863. He was educated in the public schools and remained on the farm until 1880, when he came to Scottdale and in company with his brother Harry R. conducted a mercantile establishment for several years. In 1889 he engaged in the coal business, prospecting and locating coal properties in Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio for other parties, and in 1891 began operating on his own account at Smock, Fayette county, where he opened mines which he operated until 1894, when he disposed of the same. In 1895 he opened mines at Pine Hill, Somerset county, which he operated until 1898, and then disposed of them. He then entered West Virginia, locating in Barbour and Preston counties, where they will operate on an extensive scale, and having in view the establishing of a large coking plant, operating under the firm name of the Midland Coal and Coke Company. He was also the promoter of the Clements Coal and Coke Company, Barbour county, West Virginia, the Candace Coal and Coke Company, Barbour county, West Virginia, and the Kingwood Coal and Coke Company, Preston county, West Virginia. Mr. Hurst is manager of the above named plants and virtually takes the same roll for the Midland Coal and Coke Company. The whole scheme covers a territory of about nine thousand acres, and all of the properties produce a good grade of coking coal. He is one of the live, energetic men of the county, and stands in the front rank of the best people in the community.

Harry R. Hurst, second son of John and Euphemia (Parker) Hurst, was born August 9, 1865. He attended the common schools until sixteen years of age, and then engaged at clerking for Keister & Co., at Owensdale, Fayette county, a company store, where he remained two years. He then came to Scottdale with J. S. Parker & Co., whom he served for five or six years, and was then employed with E. Dunn at Connellsville, proprietor of a dry goods store, for five years. He had, however, during this time had charge of the dry goods establishment of Hurst & Co., which position he held until engaging in his present business, in 1899, succeeding W. J. Murphy, a dry goods merchant. He located on Pittston street and there remained until 1903, when he moved into his present handsome quarters in the block erected by his father. He has a space of forty by one hundred feet, and the first floor is devoted to dry goods, notions, and ladies suits, while the second floor is well stocked with a full line of carpets, oil cloths, linoleums, lace curtains, window shades, etc. His stock is clean and of the very finest quality, up-to-date in every respect, and is one of the best selected and most attractive in that section of the county. He is a thorough business man, prompt and reliable in all his transactions, and his name is a synonym for integrity. Mr. Hurst married, January 1, 1896, Harriet Anderson, daughter of George W. and Amanda (Smith) Anderson, a native of Westmoreland county. Two children are the issue of this union: John R., and William W. The family are members of the Presbyterian church.

P. O. PETERSON, president of the Peterson Business College, one of the leading educational institutions of the borough of Scottdale, of which he was also the founder, is a young man of more than usual business capacity, full of energy, vigor and vim. He was born in the vicinity of Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1876.

His great-grandfather on the paternal side came from Germany during the latter half of the eighteenth century, and settled in New York state. Elias

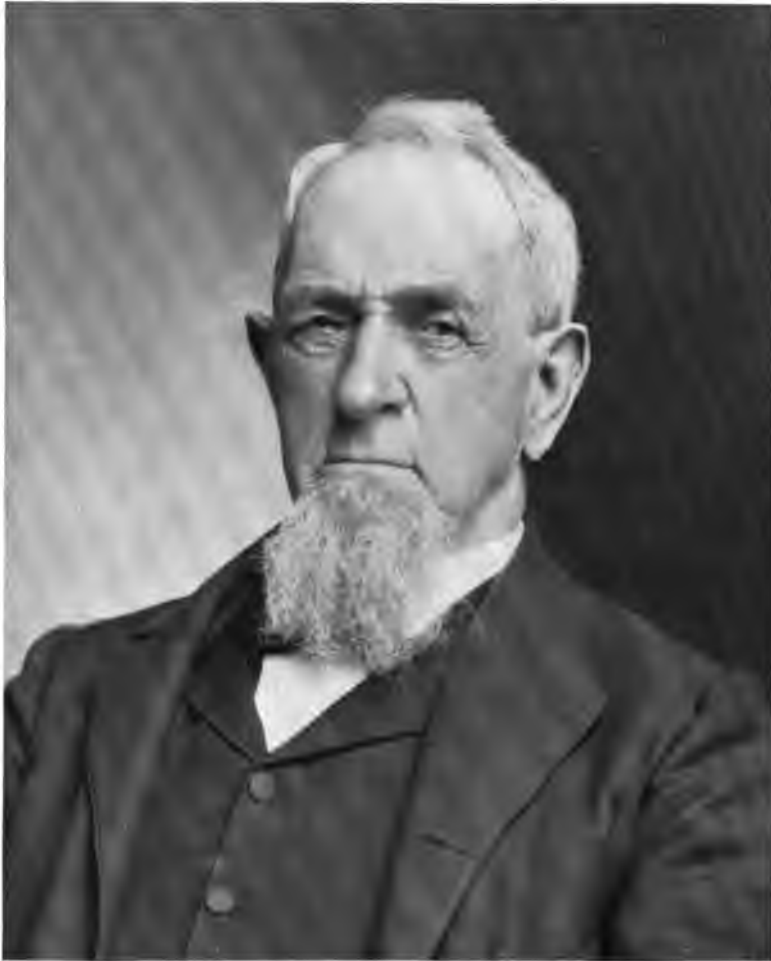
Peterson (grandfather), son of the founder of the family, was born and reared in New York state, and when a young man came to Pennsylvania and settled near Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland county, where he purchased a farm which he cultivated and operated during the remainder of his lifetime. He was one of the successful and representative farmers of his day and community, and wielded an influence for good in his neighborhood. He was a devout Christian man, and an elder in the Presbyterian church. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Margaret McCall, bore him eight children, all now deceased, but who attained years of maturity, namely: Thomas, Elias, Henry, James, Abner, John, Hannah, and Margaret. The sons went west and became prosperous and prominent men, James having been a jurist in Kansas, Abner a jurist in Illinois, and Henry a state senator from Iowa. His second wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth McChesney, bore him five children: Jennie, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Harriet, who died in young womanhood; Sarah, wife of George Geiger, residing on the old Peterson homestead near Pleasant Unity; Aaron, a shoe dealer of Mount Pleasant; and Noah G., mentioned hereafter. Elias Peterson (grandfather) died in 1855, aged sixty-seven years.

Noah G. Peterson (father), son of Elias and Elizabeth (McChesney) Peterson, was born on the old homestead, reared to farm life, educated in the public schools and academies, and received a business training in the Vermilian Institute. During the time of securing his education he was also engaged in teaching, beginning the latter vocation when a lad of but sixteen. He taught and attended school for some ten years thereafter, since which time he has followed various callings, principally, however, that of farming and bookkeeping, and in 1903 he associated himself with his son in the conduct of the Peterson Business College at Scottdale, he taking charge of the commercial department, bookkeeping, etc. He is a member of the Reformed church. He was married November 27, 1873, to Rachel Smith, daughter of Henry and Lavina (Fiscus) Smith, and three children were the issue: A child who died in infancy; P. O., mentioned hereafter; and Elizabeth, who was educated at California State Normal and Pennsylvania Business College, and is now (1905) principal of the shorthand department in the Peterson Business College of Scottdale.

P. O. Peterson was reared on a farm and received his primary education in the public schools of the neighborhood. This was supplemented by a course at the California State Normal school at California, Pennsylvania, graduating in the class of 1900; the Bliss Commercial College, from which he was graduated; the Zanerian Art College, of Columbus, Ohio. He had, however, taught public school for five years in Westmoreland county prior to attending the State Normal. In 1902 he began work as a teacher in a business college at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and in the fall of 1903 established the Peterson Business College at Scottdale, and although there are two old established institutions within a radius of some fourteen miles, the school has prospered and the first class graduated in June, 1904, comprising forty-five finished pupils, which is an evidence of the vim with which the school was inaugurated and started on its way. The school gives a complete and thorough business training in all its various branches, but they make a specialty of penmanship, bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting, but at the same time all the other branches relating to a business education receive careful consideration. The attendance the second year doubled the first, and this is ample proof of the popularity of the institution and its excellent corps of instructors.

Mr. Peterson married, October 10, 1901, Evalyn Johnson, daughter of





*L. Winsheimer.*

W. L. and Catherine (Hysong) Johnson, of Lycippus, Westmoreland county, and two children are the issue: Esther and William. The family are members of the Reformed church, in which body Mr. Peterson is deacon and superintendent of the Sabbath school connected therewith.

JAMES E. NEWINGHAM, proprietor of the Newingham livery and sales stables, at Scottdale, Pennsylvania, and one of the leading and substantial business men of that progressive town, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1863, the son of Henry S. and Rose Ann (Byerly) Newingham, both residents of Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He is the grandson of David Newingham, ex-sheriff of Westmoreland county.

James E. Newingham was but a small child when his parents took up their abode in Pleasant Unity. There he was educated in the public schools, and when a lad of fifteen years learned the trade of saddle and harness making, in which he became very proficient. He worked at his trade for eight years, and then removed to Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he was for two years in the employ of the firm of I. D. Pores & Company, in the hardware and grocery business. His next removal was to Scottdale, where he and his father established themselves in the livery business in the spring of 1887, succeeding Mr. William Herbert in the business. After three or four years Mr. Newingham succeeded to the entire business, which he has since conducted with the most gratifying success. This is one of the leading establishments of its kind in Scottdale, and Mr. Newingham carries a full line of driving and saddle horses, besides all kinds of hacks, carriages, etc. He is a live, energetic business man, and is to be congratulated on his well-deserved success. He also conducts an extensive business in buying, selling and shipping horses to the eastern markets. He is a patriotic, public-spirited man, and is interested in all enterprises for the public good. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 777.

February 14, 1895, he was united in marriage to Mary Emma Ogle, daughter of William D. Ogle, of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. The following named children were the issue of this union: Frank Ellsworth, Ralph H., Nellie B. Mr. Newingham and his family are members of the German Reformed church. Their residence is at 124 Market street, Scottdale.

LAWRENCE WINSHEIMER. Michael Winsheimer, founder of the family in America, after locating at Greensburg remained only a few years, when he removed to Indiana county, where he bought one hundred acres of woodland at two dollars per acre from the Holland Land Company, and on this tract he "settled," as one of the pioneers of that section. The tract was part of the primeval forest, abounding in immense timbers of various species, and inhabited by bears, deer and other wild animals of the larger type. He lived to be eighty-seven years old, while his wife died at the age of ninety years. Their remains are interred at the Five Point school house, north of the town of Indiana. He was the father of five children: Lawrence, George, Margaret, married John Smith; Mary, married Augustus Vogle; and Michael, Jr.

Lawrence Winsheimer was born June 1, 1817, near Nuremberg, Germany, and landed in America with his parents, Michael and Elizabeth (Karline) Winsheimer, December 30, 1837. The family located at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where Lawrence continued to reside for a period of sixty-eight years, or until his death, which occurred October 28, 1905, his age being eighty-eight years, four months and twenty-seven days. He was

always actively identified with the interests and progress of the town. He was a tailor by trade, and for over forty years was engaged in the clothing business. In politics he was a loyal Democrat, and never failed to attend the polls and cast his vote. He was honored by his party with election to the office of coroner of Westmoreland county for three successive terms, and on one of these occasions received the largest majority, over five thousand, ever given a Democrat in this county. During his incumbency as coroner he officiated temporarily as sheriff, because of the technical disqualification of that official. He was mayor of Greensburg in 1872, and also served on the town council at other times. He was constable for several terms, and precinct register of the Second ward for the ten years preceding his demise, his successive elections being made almost unanimous because of his great popularity. He was an intelligent, exemplary, upright citizen; a lifelong and consistent member of the First Lutheran Church, and for many years an officer in the congregation. He enjoyed the fullest measure of esteem and confidence of all who knew him, and left an honorable and untarnished name as the richest eulogy to an exemplary and blameless life.

Lawrence Winsheimer married, February 15, 1845, Anna Margaret Zeise, which union continued for fifty-seven years, or until her death, which occurred January 18, 1903. She was a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Zeise, who came from Germany to America when she was an infant and also located in the vicinity of Greensburg. Their marriage was something out of the ordinary. The nuptials were performed by the Rev. M. J. Steck, and two other couples were married by the same ceremony, viz.: Augustus Vogle to Mary Winsheimer and Augustus Graff to Louisa Smith. Of the seven persons connected with this triple wedding Mr. Winsheimer was the final survivor. Lawrence Winsheimer was the father of six children: 1. George Stineman, auctioneer, living in Greensburg, born July 21, 1847; married Priscilla Blose Murray; father of four children: Eva Gertrude, married George Mendell, of Wheeling, West Virginia; Etta Rebecca, George Huff, mining engineer, and Archie Stewart, died at the age of three and one-half years. 2. Dr. William Jack, dentist, lives at Parker's Landing, Pennsylvania, born March 29, 1849; married Jennie C. Agnew. 3. Mary Elizabeth, born August 26, 1851; married James Filmore Steele; living in Greensburg. 4. Harriet Lucetta, born June 28, 1853; married John B. McQuade, living in Greensburg, and mother of two children—Catherine and Lawrence. 5. Thompson R., of whom later. 6. Dr. Edward Lawrence, born November 20, 1860, dentist, living at Parker's Landing, Pennsylvania.

THOMPSON RICHARD WINSHEIMER, born November 30, 1856, educated in the common schools of Greensburg. He began active life by working on the construction of the Southwest railway from Greensburg to Connellsville. He learned the printing trade in the office of *The Westmoreland Democrat*, and November 23, 1882, with his cousin, Benjamin Franklin Vogle, bought that newspaper plant, in which business he has since been continuously engaged. He has been content to follow the pursuits of the editor of a weekly newspaper in a country town, doing his duty fearlessly in the discussion of public measures and political conditions from an absolutely conscientious standpoint. Knowing only the honest principles of Democracy, as established by the founders of the party, he has always been aggressive in striking at and exposing political crookedness within the party, and to his persistent efforts, perhaps more than any other man, after a fierce and prolonged battle, in 1903-4, in which friendships of a lifetime were canceled, were the vampires which hung at the throat of the



Westmoreland county Democracy shaken off. As a man of keen perception in the newspaper field and as to his capabilities in discovering and handling live subjects, he has full recognition with the profession and reading public. He is also the business man of *The Democrat* and has brought to that paper a line of patronage that keeps the plant in a healthy condition. The newspaper business is his life work, although as a side line or diversion he has contributed to the world something of poetry, music and history, not of the classical order, but in the lines of sweetness and simplicity that appeal to the heart as well as to the mind. Like the ordinary political journalist he has participated in the elevation of local great men to positions of honor, trust and profit, and has subsequently shared in the fate so common to newspaper men of forgetfulness and ingratitude. He has contributed of his energies to the development and progress of the community, while others, perhaps, reaped the ultimate benefits without a thought of his labors; he has advocated morality in society, cleanness in politics and public affairs, advancement and expansion of the local business world, and felt gratified and satisfied when success resulted in any of those directions. Mr. Winsheimer married, April 7, 1881, Lydia Melissa Widaman, daughter of the late John Michael and Catherine Miller Widaman, of New Stanton, and later of Irwin.

WILLIAM FERGUSON, member of the firm of Owens & Ferguson, furniture dealers and undertakers, of Scottdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in Ayershire, Scotland, October 29, 1869, the son of John and Sarah (Bell) Ferguson.

John Ferguson and his family emigrated to this country from Scotland in 1882. He came here for the purpose of assuming charge of some furnaces in the vicinity of Pittsburg, but the methods employed in such business here were so vastly different to those he was accustomed to in his native land that he soon gave up the proposition and removed to East Huntingdon township, near Scottdale, where he purchased a small place. Mr. Ferguson was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church until his removal to East Huntingdon, after which he affiliated with the United Brethren church. His wife was Sarah Bell, and their children were: Anna J., deceased; Benjamin, a mechanic of Dayton, Ohio; he was one of the first to introduce the Encaustic tile in America; Thomas, a marine engineer of New York city; William, deceased; Sarah H., wife of Samuel Campbell, of Greensburg; William, deceased; John, deceased; William, mentioned hereafter; Ruth, widow of Joseph Graham, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania; Robert, deceased; and Frances Ellen, deceased. The death of John Ferguson occurred in February, 1899.

William Ferguson, eighth child of John and Sarah (Bell) Ferguson, obtained his education in the public schools, first at Hurst and later at Eversam school house. At the age of thirteen he left school and removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was for three years in the employ of his brother. He then returned to the old homestead near Scottdale, and found employment with the McClure Coke Company, being in the employ of this firm for three years. He then established himself with J. W. Ruth & Company in the planing mill business, and after several years thus occupied, in company with Mr. D. N. Carroll, established the Scottdale planing mill, conducting the business under the firm name of Carroll, Ferguson & Company, and achieved considerable success. This arrangement existed for three years, when Mr. Ferguson sold his interest in the planing mill. He then studied embalming in the Barns School of Embalming, Chicago, Illinois, of which institution he is a graduate. In 1900 he

formed a partnership with Mr. James Owens, and in August of that year they entered into their present furniture and undertaking business at 326 Pittsburg street, Scottdale. Both of these gentlemen are enterprising, progressive men, and they conduct a very successful business, carrying a full line of furniture, linoleum, carpet, wall-paper, etc., the embalming department being presided over by the proprietors, who are both capable embalmers. They occupy a building twenty by one hundred feet, two floors, with a wareroom sixty-four by one hundred feet. The business is constantly increasing, owing to the honest and exact business methods employed. Mr. Ferguson holds membership in the I. O. O. F., Scottdale Lodge, No. 885, and the White Star Encampment. He represented his lodge at a meeting in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the O. of A., Scottdale Council, No. 24, of which he was president in 1903; and member and ex-treasurer of B. P. O. E., Scottdale Lodge, No. 777. Mr. Ferguson married, September 11, 1890, Sallie O. Mumaw, daughter of George and Lizzie Mumaw, of East Huntingdon township. Their children were Maud Ruth, George Mumaw, John Mumaw. Mr. Ferguson and his family are members of the United Brethren church, and have their residence at 302 Laucks avenue, Scottdale.

JAMES P. OWENS, one of the progressive business men of Scottdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1855, a son of Jonathan and Sarah A. (Donohoe) Owens, both natives of Bedford county, and grandson of William Owens, who was also a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where his entire life was spent; he engaged in agricultural pursuits and was an excellent farmer. His wife was Elizabeth McVicker, and they reared a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, all of whom removed to the west. James Donohoe, the maternal grandfather of James P. Owens, was a native of Ireland, who emigrated to the United States, locating in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and engaged for many years in the conduct of a tannery.

Jonathan Owens, son of William Owens, and father of James P. Owens, was a wagon and carriage manufacturer at Centerville, Bedford county, a business which he conducted successfully for many years. Politically he was a sound Democrat, and a public-spirited, exemplary citizen. In church relations he affiliated with the Roman Catholic faith. He married Sarah A. Donohoe, and the following named children were born to them: Mary J., wife of W. J. Miller, of Scottdale; Alexander, deceased; Elizabeth A., James P., mentioned hereafter; Margaret F., wife of Martin Ames, of Scottdale; William T., deceased; Ella K., deceased; and Emily, deceased. The death of Jonathan Owens occurred in 1866, and in his demise the community lost a useful, industrious citizen. His wife passed away in 1874, in Cumberland, Maryland.

James P. Owens was reared in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and received his educational training in the common schools of that county. He worked the home farm for his mother until he attained his majority, when he became a worker in the iron industry, being variously employed as a puddler. In 1880 he removed to Scottdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and in 1886 was appointed by President Cleveland postmaster at Scottdale, taking charge of the office on September 1 of that year. He was thus engaged for four years, discharging his duties with great credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the community. In 1890 he engaged in the livery business and stock dealing, and three years later was appointed United States revenue gauger of the Twenty-third Pennsylvania district, which position he resigned in 1898. He took a

course in embalming in the Pennsylvania College of Embalming, and entered into the livery and undertaking business. In August, 1900, he entered into partnership with William Ferguson, and together they formed their furniture and undertaking business, which they have since conducted with the most gratifying success.

Mr. Owens is a prominent active worker in the Democratic party, and has held various elective offices in his borough, among them being that of chief burgess, to which he was elected in the spring of 1900. He has also served as member of the borough council, and for years has been a member of the Democratic county committee. He holds membership in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 777, Scottdale Lodge, of which he was the first exalted ruler and is the present treasurer. He is a member of the St. John the Baptist's Catholic church. In 1880 Mr. Owens was married to Eva, daughter of Casper Gloss of Cumberland, Maryland. Her death occurred in 1897. They were the parents of the following named children: J. Raymond, a plumber at Elkins, West Virginia; Lulu M., Maud A., Ralph T., Joseph V., and Clarence E.

THEODORE C. KENNEY, a prominent factor in the business circles of Scottdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and a man who has very materially assisted in the upbuilding and advancement of the town, is the son of John W. and Catherine (Keller) Kenney, both natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and of Irish origin. The progenitor of the Kenney family in America was the great-grandfather of Theodore C., who emigrated to the United States from Ireland, accompanied by his wife and family, locating in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in a very early day of its settling. Among his children was a son named Thomas.

Thomas Kenney, grandfather of Theodore C. Kenney, was but five years of age when he came with his parents to this country, and his entire life was spent in Berks county. In 1797 he married Rebecca McMichael, and reared a family of seven children, namely: Robinson, William, John W., Sariah, Lucinda, Margaret and Patty Ann.

John W. Kenney, third son of Thomas and Rebecca (McMichael) Kenney, was born July 5, 1817, in Berks county. He was by trade a mining engineer, which occupation he followed all his active business life, and in which he was very proficient; he also owned and cultivated a farm. Mr. Kenney was a public-spirited man, interested in all local affairs, and served his township as school director, besides holding various other local offices, and was a member of the F. and A. M. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and an earnest and efficient church work. Mr. Kenney married Catherine Keller, who was of German origin, the daughter of Jacob Keller, a farmer of Berks county, Pennsylvania. Their children were: Jacob Franklin, deceased; William Robinson, deceased; Theodore C., mentioned hereafter; Elizabeth Ellen, deceased; Thomas Jefferson, now a resident of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, where he is employed as a mill worker; Clara, wife of Michael Bannon, and they live in Geigertown, Berks county, Pennsylvania; Aaron P., deceased; John Wayne, a farmer of Pottstown; Webster, of Reading, a conductor on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad; and Lucinda, wife of Adam Styre, a farmer of Chester county, Pennsylvania. The death of John W. Kenney occurred in 1898, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, and his wife passed away in 1895.

Theodore C. Kenney, third son of John W. and Catherine (Keller) Kenney, was born in Carnarvon township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, and there received his intellectual training in the common schools. He learned engineer-

ing with his father, and receiving an advantageous offer from a Mr. Richards, builder of blast furnaces, accompanied him to southern Illinois and worked for some time as time-keeper. His diligent, conscientious work soon won for him a promotion to foreman on the construction of a large furnace. He retained this position for eighteen months, and then went into the machinery department, where he assumed charge of the blast engine and pumps, remaining there for four and a half years. He then removed to Pittsburg, where he was employed as engineer in the firm of Laughlin & Company, running their blast engine for nearly two years. His next removal was to Scottdale, October, 1872, and there he identified himself with the "Charlotte Furnace Company," having charge of the blast engine and machinery of their furnace. In 1880 he received an excellent offer from an Ohio furnace company in Steubenville, and going there assumed charge of a blast furnace, remaining there but five months. Mr. Kenney then decided to go into business for himself, and believing Scottdale to be a good field, removed to that place and formed a partnership with J. D. Hill. They engaged in the foundry and machine shop business under the firm name of Hill & Kenney. In August of 1880 they purchased land on which to erect their foundry and the machine shop of Everson, Macrum & Company. The firm made a specialty of coke manufacturers' supplies, and carried a full line of brass and iron fittings, brass castings and machinery supplies. They conducted a very successful business, and the goods that left their shop won a reputation for reliability and quality. They employed twenty men and transacted a business of \$40,000 a year. This arrangement existed until 1884, when Mr. Hill retired from the business and Mr. A. K. Stauffer became his successor, the firm name changing to Kenney & Company. The works have since been enlarged, new departments have been added, and the manufacture of stationary steam has been added to their business. The firm of Kenney & Company existed until December, 1901, when it was merged into a corporation of the same name, capitalized at \$125,000. This was effected after the shops were destroyed by fire, October 11, 1901, which was almost a complete loss. The business had rapidly increased, the transactions amounting to \$125,000 per year. The former officers of the new corporation were: A. K. Stauffer, president; E. L. Rutherford, vice-president and secretary; Walter L. Stauffer, treasurer; and T. C. Kenney, general manager. The board of directors were: A. K. Stauffer, E. L. Rutherford, T. C. Kenney, E. A. Humphries, Worth Killpatrick, Robert Skemp, B. F. Stauff, John Dick, J. R. Smith, B. F. Overholt, M. J. Kennedy, J. S. Parker, Martin Loucks. The present officers of the corporation are: B. F. Overholt, president; A. K. Stauffer, vice-president; E. L. Rutherford, secretary; and Walter F. Stauffer, treasurer. The present board of directors are: B. F. Overholt, A. K. Stauffer, E. L. Rutherford, E. A. Humphries, J. A. Armstrong, M. J. Kennedy, J. S. Parker, Martin Loucks and Walter F. Stauffer.

In 1904 Mr. Kenney resigned his position as general manager, and in November of the same year accepted a position with the Vulcan Iron Works, manufacturers of hoisting and haulage engines and general mining machinery, of Wilkes-Barre. He covers territory west of the Allegheny mountains. Prompt, reliable and energetic, Mr. Kenney has rendered the most valuable services to the last named firm, and also represents the Pennsylvania Boiler Works, manufacturers of all types of boilers, tanks and general plate steel work, Erie, Pennsylvania. His entire business career has been successful, due in a great part to his upright, honorable business methods and unimpeachable integrity. Politically he is a sound Republican. He is a member of Marion Lodge, No.

562, F. and A. M.; Urania Royal Arch Chapter, No. 192, of Greensburg, Kedron Commandery, K. T., No. 18, of Greensburg.

Mr. Kenny married, April 28, 1874, Emma J. Gant, of Pittsburg, a daughter of Joseph Gant. Their children were: 1. Joseph C., a machinical engineer, for six years served as superintendent of his father's works; he is a Republican in politics, and was for three years a member of the borough council of Scottdale; he married Jane Stillwoggan, and they have one child, Emma J. 2. John F., in the employ of the Westinghouse Machine Company, having charge of one of the order departments; he served for over two years in the Spanish-American war, a member of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment. 3. William M., a machinist in the employ of the United States Steel Company of Pittsburg. 4. Charles Morgan, also a machinist with the United States Steel Company. 5. Janet M. Mr. Kenney and his family are members of the Presbyterian church.

JOHN F. EICHER was born July 12, 1868. He attended the public schools until he was about fifteen years old, and then took a position as a daubler and motcher in the sheet mills in Scottdale, remaining there for two years. He then learned the trade of carpentering with his father and continued at that for about five years. In 1888 he went to Greensburg and spent one year there as a journeyman carpenter, thence to Jeannette, remaining there four years as journeyman. He then returned to Scottdale and worked as a journeyman there for a short time, then formed a partnership with his brother, L. R. Eicher, and did contracting and building under the firm title of Eicher Bros. This name existed for five years and nine months, at the expiration of which time L. R. Eicher returned to journeyman work and John F. continued contracting and building alone. To-day he is the leading contractor in Scottdale and furnishes employment to some forty men, his operations extending through Fayette and Westmoreland counties. He has been awarded many of the largest contracts in that portion of the state, among them being: the public school building at Alverton; the municipal building at Scottdale; the Fairchance public school building, and numerous others of less importance. He also does considerable private building and selling on his own account. In 1902 the Broadway Planing Mill Company was formed, Mr. Eicher being one of the promoters and half owner of the concern; they do a general planing mill business, with lumber yards, etc. He established the shoe business at 106 Pittsburg street in company with W. H. Niswanger, where they have a large trade. the firm title being Niswanger and Eicher. He is a stockholder in the Scottdale Savings and Trust Company, the Broadway National Bank, and is one of the promoters and a stockholder in the Braddock Trust Company, formerly known as the People's Trust Company, of Braddock. He also has interests in the Scottdale Foundry and Machine Company, whose plant he erected. In local affairs he is ever glad to further the interests of the community, and has served on the borough council for three years, officiating as chairman for one year. His politics are Republican. He is a member of the A. I. O. K. M. of Scottdale.

Mr. Eicher married, July 2, 1887, C. Belle Ridenour, daughter of George W. and Priscilla (Booher) Ridenour, of East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county. They have two children, Bessie M. and V. Elizabeth Eicher, living, and one, Frank A., who died at the age of eleven. They attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

LEWIS R. EICHER, contractor and builder of Scottdale, was born November 23, 1859. He attended the public schools of his native place, then took a course of bookkeeping and read medicine at the State Normal school at Valparaiso, Indiana, during the winter of 1880-81. In the spring of 1881 he returned to Scottdale and took up the trade of carpentering with his father. He continued at that for two years, and then entered the sheet mill, beginning at the bottom and working up through all the grades to that of roller. At the end of four years his health failed, so he returned to the carpenter business, working as a journeyman in Jeannette and Scottdale. In 1894 he and his brother, John F. Eicher, formed a partnership as contractors and builders under the firm title of Eicher Bros., which firm existed for a period of five years and nine months. Lewis R. Eicher then withdrew and engaged in contracting and building on his own account, then entered the employ of J. W. Ruth as outside foreman, and during a period of two years erected the First National Bank, the Savings and Trust Company's building and the private residences of Messrs. Hill, Keister and Jarritt. In 1902 he again went into contracting on his own account, since which time he has erected the J. S. Parker block, the Overholt flats, the dwelling of George Warner, the dwelling of Martin King, at New Haven, Pennsylvania, and many others. He confines his operations mainly to Scottdale and vicinity, and has as many as fifteen people in his employ. Mr. Eicher is a stockholder in some of the largest and most important enterprises of Scottdale, and is a member of the borough council. He is a charter member of the A. I. O. K. M., No. 342, Arpad Lodge, of Scottdale.

Mr. Eicher married, October 20, 1881, Cynthia M. Graft, daughter of Jacob L. and Harriet Graft. Their children are: Charles F., Ruby, Florence, Herman R., Harrison C., Leroy, Ethel May, William, Alfa, and Ralph G., who died in infancy. They are members of the Presbyterian church.

JAMES H. POOL, of Scottdale, Pennsylvania, general manager of the Broadway Planing Mill Company, is a native of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, born November 26, 1854. He is a son of Samuel and Sophia (Bierer) Pool, and grandson of Zachariah Pool and John Bierer. Zachariah Pool (paternal grandfather) was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, but in his younger days crossed the mountains and located in Westmoreland county, where he devoted his attention entirely to agricultural pursuits until his death in 1881, at the advanced age of ninety-eight years. John Bierer (maternal grandfather) was a native of Germany, from whence he came to America, locating in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, being one of the earliest settlers in the vicinity of Greensburg. His death occurred in 1849, he having attained a ripe old age. Samuel Pool (father) was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he successfully conducted extensive farming operations, from which he derived a comfortable livelihood and a fair competence for his declining years. He was a member of the English Lutheran church, and a worthy citizen of the community in which he resided. His wife, whose maiden name was Sophia Bierer, died in 1887, and he then made his home with his son, Zachariah T. Pool, at Greensburg.

James H. Pool was reared on his father's farm, and his boyhood was spent in attending school in the winter and assisting with the varied duties of the farm during the remainder of the year. When seventeen years of age he left his home and went to Greensburg in order to learn the trade of carpenter, and for five years thereafter worked at the same, having located at Manor station some eight miles from the county seat. In the fall of 1879 he took up his resi-

dence in Scottdale and formed a partnership with Samuel J. Zearley, the firm name being Zearley & Pool. They engaged in the planing mill business, and in their extensive mill and factory, which were brick buildings, equipped with the finest and most improved modern machinery, and operated by a large force of skilled mechanics, they manufactured doors, sash, blinds, frames, floors, siding, etc. In 1894 Mr. Pool purchased the interest of his partner and operated the plant alone for two years, at the expiration of which time he disposed of the business to Corral Brothers. In 1897 he accepted the office of general manager of the Broadway Planing Mill Company, in which capacity he is serving at the present time (1905). Mr. Pool is one of the most enterprising citizens of Scottdale, bears a full share in the promotion of community interests, and has won for himself an exceptional record for strictest integrity and uprightness. He is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church of Scottdale, and holds membership in the Royal Arcanum and the Protected Home Circle. Mr. Pool was married September 24, 1885, to Ellen Rainer, daughter of A. L. Rainer, of Scottdale, and two children have been born to them, Edna B. and Gertrude R. Pool. Mrs. Pool, the mother of these children, died November 22, 1895.

ELMER WELSH, a representative citizen of Ruffsedale, where he is serving at the present time (1905) in the capacity of justice of the peace, is a lineal descendant of John Welsh, a native of Maryland, from whence he migrated to the state of Pennsylvania, settling in Beaver county about the year 1790, where he took up land, followed farming and was also the proprietor of a hotel. In May, 1905, he built a new store room and business block on the main business street of Ruffsedale, with residence and banquet hall in connection, and does a general merchandise business, dealing in dry goods, notions, hardware, groceries, furniture, in fact everything to be found in a first class general merchandise store, and has built up a good business. He was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, and during one of the battles in which he participated lost one of his legs, thus incapacitating him for further active service. He was the father of two sons: John and William Welsh.

William Welsh, son of John Welsh, was born, lived and died in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming and contracting, furnishing the stone for the Erie canal. His life was a useful and honorable one, and in all the relations of his career he displayed the utmost integrity. He married Beulah C. Cooper, whose father was a doctor of some note. He practiced his profession in Bedford county, where he also conducted a hotel for a number of years. Their children were: Seth McClure, of whom later; James; Mary, married Samuel Barnes; Annie, married Anthony Douhett; Beulah, married Samuel McClure; George B.; Sidney; Benjamin F., deceased.

Seth McClure Welsh, eldest son of William and Beulah C. (Cooper) Welsh, was born A. D., 1819, in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer and a rural coal operator, which lines of work he followed successfully for a number of years in his native county. Accompanied by his family, in 1878, he went to Kansas, where his death occurred in 1879. He was also a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, and his influence for good was largely felt in the community. He married Sarah Ann Hannum, daughter of John and Margaret Hannum, and their children were: Philip, a farmer of Kansas; Artemus, a resident of Kansas; Mary J., wife of Abram Simberly; Anna M., wife of Henry Siebkey; Charles, died in childhood; Elmer, of whom later; Emma E., wife of William Shanafelt, of Portland, Oregon.

Elmer Welsh, youngest son of Seth McClure and Sarah Ann (Hannum)

Welsh, was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, March 2, 1864. He was educated in the common schools and the State Normal School of Illinois, and when fourteen years of age accompanied his parents to Kansas. In that state he engaged in farming, was night machine man two years for the Consolidated Barbed Wire Manufacturing Company, and for a period of one year followed the building of bridge abutments. He returned to Pennsylvania, in 1886, settling in Westmoreland county, where he was engaged mostly in farming until April, 1904, since which time he has been engaged in the coal business, buying and selling coal lands in Washington and Westmoreland counties. He is a member of the Episcopal church of Scottdale, and of the Grand Fraternity, Lodge No. 8, Ruffsedale, in which he passed several chairs. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and exerts his influence in behalf of the party whose principles he advocates. He has held several township offices, and is serving as justice of the peace, having been elected to that office in February, 1905. Mr. Welsh married Annie Porter, daughter of W. Newton and Mary Porter. Their children are: Mary A., born May 26, 1888, a graduate of Scottdale high school, class of 1905; Florence A., born June 28, 1890; Emma K., born December 24, 1892; Nelson P. and Nellie I., twins, born September 18, 1895; Elizabeth C., born August 16, 1897; W. Newton, born April 12, 1903; and Elmer Edward, born October 1, 1905.

FREDERICK L. KECK, the genial and popular proprietor of the Hotel Albion, at Ruffsedale, Pennsylvania, is a son of Christian Keck, who emigrated from Germany about 1865 and settled at New Stanton, Pennsylvania, where he followed the boiling of salt for a livelihood for a period of almost five years. He then located in the town of Morgan, remaining for about seven years, during which time he was engaged at general work. Later he moved to Scottdale where he engaged in the mercantile business for three years, after which he changed his place of residence to Everson, Fayette county, where for a period of about eight years he engaged in mercantile pursuits and the management of a hotel, both of which enterprises proved financially successful. He married, October 16, 1866, Anna Hunker, daughter of John G. and Ossilla (Hough) Hunker, and their children were: Anna N., unmarried, resides at home; Martin Christian; Frederick L., of whom later.

Frederick L. Keck was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1878. His preliminary education was obtained in the public schools adjacent to his home, and later he pursued advanced studies at the Greensburg Seminary. Upon attaining the age of twenty-one he engaged in the hotel business in Ruffsedale, Westmoreland county, and for three years successfully managed the old Ruffsedale Hotel which was largely patronized. In 1902 he built the hotel which he now occupies, known as the Albion, which has accommodations for sixty guests, is equipped with all modern improvements which adds to the comforts and pleasure of his guests, is noted for its excellent cuisine, and in all respects ranks among the leading hotels in the county and well merits the patronage of the traveling public. Mr. Keck is courteous and attentive to the regular patrons and to the transient guests of the house alike, and is well adapted to the line of business he has chosen or his life work.

HON. NEVIN A. CORT. Among the well-known members of the Westmoreland county bar must be numbered Hon. Nevin A. Cort, of Greensburg. He was born March 20, 1867, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He was educated at the Greensburg Seminary. At the age of fourteen



he obtained the position of bookkeeper with the firm of J. Bowman & Son, with whom he remained two years. At the end of that time, realizing the advantages to be obtained from a more extensive educational equipment than he felt himself to be possessed of, he attended school for one year and then taught for two years. The two years immediately following he spent in the service of J. Bowman & Son, his former employers, and then entered Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he remained three years. On leaving that institution he began to read law with A. M. Sloan, of Greensburg, and on February 25, 1893, was admitted to the bar of Westmoreland county. He moved to Mount Pleasant, June 5, 1893, and there entered upon the practice of his profession. He opened an office in Greensburg, October 1, 1900, has remained there up to the present time, and has built up an extensive practice. For nine years he has held the office of solicitor for the borough of Mount Pleasant. He belongs to Lodge No. 350, I. O. O. F., the R. A., the I. O. H., and is one of the charter members of the B. P. O. E., No. 868, all of Mount Pleasant. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and is very active in the councils of his party. Mr. Cort married Mary E. Laird, and their children are: Helen L., born May 9, 1895; Thomas L., born May 19, 1896; and M. Margaret, born July 31, 1902. Mrs. Cort is the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Laird, who were descendants from Scotch ancestry. Mr. Laird held the position of general superintendent of the Heckla Coke Company of the Connellsville coke region for many years.

MRS. J. H. LEIGHTY, the genial proprietor of the Tarr Hotel, Tarr Station, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is the daughter of Thomas and Harriet (Buttermore) Cunningham.

George Buttermore, maternal grandfather, was born and reared in Fayette county, and was a farmer by occupation. He owned a large tract of valuable, well cultivated land near Collinsville, and was a very successful farmer. In religious faith he was a member of the Baptist church. He married Barbara Smith, and their children are: John; Nancy, married Abram Franks; Mary, married a Mr. Lyon; Catherine, married George Eicher; Thomas; Jackson; Smith, M. D.; Maria, married Abram Franks; Margaret, married Harry Franks; Amanda, married Benjamin Baer; and Harriet, the mother of Mrs. Leighty.

Thomas and Harriet (Buttermore) Cunningham are the parents of children: Charles, a well driller of Fayette county; Jennie, deceased, married A. M. Umbel; Lillian N., of whom later; George, a stone mason of Collinsville; Carrie, wife of W. A. Ganiet; Laura, married William Waite; Daisy; Richard, an engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad; Harry, a farmer of Fayette county; Blanche, died at the age of sixteen years.

Lillian Cunningham married, November, 1881, J. H. Leighty. Their children were: Walter H. and Ralph H. Mrs. Leighty is now engaged in the conduct of the Tarr Hotel, and has achieved gratifying success in this line. Her house compares favorably with the best equipped hotels in this section, and enjoys a generous patronage.

JOHN FREEMAN. The grandfather of John Freeman, of Ligonier village, was Jacob Freeman, who was a miller by trade and lived and died in the Ligonier valley. He and his wife were the parents of children: John; James; George, of whom later; Polly married Abraham Eicher; and Hannah, married John Anstraw.

George Freeman, son of Jacob Freeman and his wife, was born in 1804, in the Ligonier valley, and learned the shoemaker's trade which he followed in connection with farming throughout his life. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Katie Kriley, and their children were: Jacob, deceased; John, of whom later; James, a retired merchant of Millwood, Pa.; George, lives in Ligonier; Nancy, married Joseph Mathews, and after his death married Robert Ewing. The death of Mr. Freeman occurred in 1868.

John Freeman, son of George and Katie (Kriley) Freeman, was born January 26, 1832, in the Ligonier valley, and attended the old subscription schools. He remained at home, assisting his father in the labors of the farm, until he attained his majority, and then went to learn the shoemaker's trade with Henry Burrell. After following the trade for about three years he purchased a farm in Cook township on which he lived until 1866. He then bought a farm in Ligonier township to the cultivation of which he devoted himself assiduously until 1889, when he purchased a flour and feed mill at Ligonier and moved into the village. This mill he operated in partnership with his sons, under the firm name of John Freeman and Sons, until it was destroyed by fire on July 28, 1899, since which time he has led a retired life in Ligonier village. He belongs to the K. H., of Greensburg, and is a member of the Presbyterian church, of Ligonier, in which for seventeen years he served on the board of trustees. Mr. Freeman married Rebecca, daughter of James and Hannah Guffey, of Sewickley township, and their children were: George, an engineer at Greensburg; James, died at the age of twenty-one; Sarah J., died unmarried; John M., graduated from Jefferson College, and is an attorney in Pittsburg; and Anna Lucinda, wife of Charles B. Hollingsworth, of Greensburg.

SAMUEL M. McKELVEY. The grandfather of Samuel M. McKelvey, of Lose, was James McKelvey, born in the Ligonier valley, and was educated for the ministry of the Presbyterian church but was never ordained. He spent his life in his native valley where he owned two large farms to the cultivation of which he applied himself. He married Jane Paterson, and their children were: Sarah, married Marshall Reed; Agnes, married Aaron Wells; Reuben McKinley, of whom later; John Jackson; James P.; Jane, married Robert Adams; and Thomas.

Reuben McKinley McKelvey, son of James and Jane (Paterson) McKelvey, was born April 18, 1822, in the Ligonier valley where he passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He purchased about 1850, the farm which is now the property of his son James. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and a Democrat in politics. He married Jane Menoher, and their children were: Samuel M., of whom later; Jannie, married B. R. Robb; Sadie, died unmarried; James, a farmer on the homestead; Samantha; Permelia, married Josiah H. Brant; Catherine, married F. S. Robb; Josephine, married C. C. Brant; Agnes, married Jacob E. Keffer; and Emma, married Herbert Johnson. They are all living in the Ligonier valley.

Samuel M. McKelvey, son of Reuben McKinley and Jane (Menoher) McKelvey, was born December 26, 1849, in Ligonier township, and received his education in the common schools and at the Ligonier high school. He became a farmer early in life, and continued to devote himself to the duties of a husbandman until 1881. In that year he established in Lose the general mercantile business which he has ever since conducted. He was appointed postmaster of Lose in 1893, and held the office until it was abandoned, July 1, 1905,

on account of the establishment of rural free delivery. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church of Ligonier. Mr. McKelvey is a Democrat. He married Elizabeth J., daughter of John Johnston. By this marriage there were no children. Two years after the death of his wife Mr. McKelvey married Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Matthews, and their children were: Pearl C., married Robert Johnson; Ira J., died in childhood; Mary E., a graduate of the township schools, and has taught for two terms; and Russell M., is at home.

**WILLIAM M. CARNS.** The paternal grandfather of William M. Carns, of Laughlinstown, was George Carns, who passed his entire life in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the lumber business. His son George was born in Mercer county, and was associated in business with his father. He also engaged in farming and contracting and helped to build the reservoir at South Fork, which so greatly added to the disasters caused by the Johnstown flood. Later he moved to Westmoreland county, where he engaged in farming near Ligonier on what was known as the "Koon farm." During the Mexican war he was proprietor of a hotel at Laughlinstown known as the Horse Shoe Bend Hotel. Mr. Carns married Rachel, daughter of Frederick Mathews, one of the pioneers of the Ligonier valley, and their children were: Gottfried; Mary, wife of Frank Shaffer; Edward, lives in California; Frederick and Lizzie, died in childhood; William M., mentioned hereafter; and Philip M. The death of Mr. Carns occurred in 1849, and was the result of smallpox which he contracted from emigrants who were guests at his hotel.

William M. Carns, son of George and Rachel (Mathews) Carns, was born December 3, 1840, in Mercer county, and was six months old when taken to Westmoreland county by his parents. He was educated there in the common schools, and when a mere boy drove the stage from Shellsburg to Bedford and from Somerset to Johnstown. In 1862 he enlisted in Company K, Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. He was wounded three times and was imprisoned for ninety-one days in York river station house and in Libby. He was honorably discharged at Cumberland, Maryland, April 17, 1865. After his return home he went to Venango county, where he worked by contract for the Empire Oil Company and others, drilling no fewer than twenty-seven oil wells. In 1878 he returned to the Ligonier valley and went into the lumber business, in which he has been continuously engaged ever since. He is a member of G. A. R., Ligonier Post. He is a Republican in politics.

**NOAH BYERS.** The paternal grandfather of Noah Byers, of Rector, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and when a young man moved to Somerset county, where he passed the remainder of his life in agricultural labors. His children were: Jacob, mentioned hereafter; and five daughters.

Jacob Byers was born in Somerset county, near Jenness cross roads, where he spent his entire life as a farmer. He was a member of the Lutheran church and a Republican. His wife was Elizabeth Beacherker, and their children were: Daniel, deceased; John, deceased; Jacob and Henry, who are farmers in Ligonier township; and Noah, mentioned hereafter. The death of Mr. Byers, the father of the family, occurred in 1860. Mrs. Byers, the mother, died in 1895.

Noah Byers, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Beacherker) Byers, was born October 9, 1848, in Somerset county on the home farm. He received his edu-

cation in the common schools, and in early life worked as a teamster. In 1875 he purchased the farm which is now his home and which was formerly known as the "Lewis Rector farm," in the Ligonier valley. About 1897 he erected a fine building which he named the Mountain Home and furnished with all the modern improvements. Here during the summer he has as many guests as can be accommodated. The building is situated four miles south of Ligonier, on the Pittsburg, Westmoreland & Somerset Railroad, within two hundred yards of the Mountain Home station, and near it is one of the best flowing springs in the Ligonier valley. Mr. Byers and his family are members of the Evangelical church of Rector. He believes in the principles of the Republican party, but is extremely independent in his voting. Mr. Byers married Susan, daughter of Noah and Sarah (Zimmerman) Shawley, and they had children: Palmer A., an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pitcairn; Etta, married Jacob Johnston, and is now deceased; Sarah, married H. L. Phillips, of Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania, and has three children: Joseph Arthur and Eta Melda (twins), born July 19, 1900; and Noah Howard, born July 18, 1903; Pearl, at home.

DAVID H. STITELY, of Ligonier, was born September 30, 1858, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the common schools, and in early life learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for a few years in Irwin, whence he moved to East End, Pittsburg, and there for some years worked as a carpenter, contractor and builder. In 1898 he went to the Ligonier valley and settled at Laughlinstown, where some years before he had purchased a farm known as the "old Clark farm." In 1901 he organized a lumber business in Ligonier, which he has successfully continued to the present time, furnishing finished lumber and frames to the Ligonier valley. He is a member of Lodge No. 585, I. O. O. F., of Pittsburg. Mr. Stitely married Alice K. Linthimer and they have children: David H., Louise R., Thomas D., and Walter M.

CHARLES W. BOUCHER. The name of Boucher is undoubtedly of French origin, and that branch of the family of which Charles W. Boucher, of New Kensington, is a member, has long been resident in Pennsylvania. Henry Boucher lived in Somerset county, where his son, Isaiah Boucher, was born in 1824. About 1838 Isaiah Boucher went to Garret county, Maryland, where for some years he followed his trade, which was that of a tinner. During the latter portion of his life he was a farmer. From 1875 to 1878 he was county commissioner of Garret county, and in politics was a steadfast Republican. He was a member of the German Reformed church. Mr. Boucher married Lucretia, daughter of Phineas and Adeline Compton, and granddaughter of Henry Compton, who was a messenger boy in the service of General Washington while in the state of New Jersey, whence the Compton family originally came. Mr. and Mrs. Boucher had children: Henry Stewart, a merchant in Glade, Pennsylvania; Phineas Compton, lives on the old homestead in Maryland; Samuel A., a physician in Martin, Allegheny county, Maryland; Charles W., mentioned hereafter; Arthur M., a farmer in Allegheny county, Maryland; and two who died in infancy. Mr. Boucher, the father, died in 1903.

Charles W. Boucher, son of Isaiah and Lucretia (Compton) Boucher, was born May 19, 1865, in Grantsville, Maryland, and in 1892 graduated from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. He opened an office at Bruston Mills, West Virginia, where he remained one year, and then moved to New Kensington, being one of the pioneer settlers of the new borough. He there established





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himself as a dentist in partnership with Dr. L. H. France, of Greensburg. At the end of two years he purchased his partner's interest and has since successfully conducted the business alone. For three years he served as school director. His political principles are those advocated by the Republican party, and he is a member and trustee of the United Presbyterian church. Dr. Boucher married Jennie A., daughter of John M. and Isabel Hill, of Freeport, Armstrong county, and they have two children: Lucretia Isabel, born May, 1898; and Margaret Ruth, born June, 1903.

**GEORGE D. HAMOR.** On the paternal side George D. Hamor, of New Kensington, is descended from ancestors who settled several generations back in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, while through his mother he comes of German and Irish lineage.

Allen Nathaniel Hamor was born in 1820, in Blair county, and was a merchant at Freeport, Pennsylvania. During the Civil war he served in the Union army. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hamor married Jane N. Sniger, born in 1818, near Saltsburg, Westmoreland county, and like her husband was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

George D. Hamor, son of Allen Nathaniel and Jane N. (Sniger) Hamor, was born January 21, 1855, at Freeport, Armstrong county, where he received his preparatory education in the common schools, afterward attending Mount Union College, Ohio. June 8, 1876, he was admitted to the bar at Butler, Pennsylvania. In 1888, at the time of the great fire in Du Bois, he was a resident of that place and held the office of burgess. He affiliates with Lodge No. 512, B. P. O. E., the Heptasophs and Maccabees, all of New Kensington. Politically he is a Republican, but has never taken a very active part in public affairs. Mr. Hamor married, May 4, 1883, Maggie J., daughter of Dr. William A. Means, a prominent physician of DuBois, and they have two children: Edna, born May 3, 1884, wife of S. M. Lee, attorney at law of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and William Allen, aged eighteen, student in Western University, Pittsburg.

**PETER F. McCANN.** Among the sturdy and energetic men of Westmoreland county who hewed their way to usefulness and distinction, Peter Francis McCann stands prominent. He aspired more to usefulness than to greatness and will leave his imprint on our rugged hills rather than to leave his name in the halls of dubious fame. He was born at Wellersburg, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1857. His father was killed at the Boarding Shaft Mines at Frostburg, Maryland, when Peter was but a child. At the age of thirteen years, with only two years schooling, he began the battle of life, and his inborn energy enabled him to earn a man's wages. His mother, with her family, moved to Scottsdale, Westmoreland county, in 1874. He found employment in the mills of the Charlotte Furnace Company. In 1876 a sad misfortune befell him, resulting in the loss of his right arm. He was appointed to a position in the revenue service in 1886 which he held for four years. In 1892 he was nominated on the Democratic ticket for the office of sheriff, and in one of the most exciting contests in the history of the county he was elected, being the only Democrat to escape defeat. He was the last of a long continuous line of Democratic sheriffs. He took charge of his office January 2, 1893. He found sufficient to test his courage, to challenge his judgment, and employ his wits. Fortunately for him and his eight score thousand constituents that

he possessed in the highest degree the qualities that conquered without bloodshed, and paved the way for general armistry when the troubled waters sought their wonted rest. His jurisdiction lay within the storm centre of the great labor troubles that darkened the pages of our social and industrial history. He was confronted by one of the most serious and violent outbreaks ever witnessed in the great Connellsville coke regions. Ten thousand men participated in the unhappy conflict. Violence was threatened on every hand. Men were frenzied in their efforts for victory. He waved aside every appeal for military force, and depended on the deputies he had carefully selected. Without the sacrifice of a single life he conquered, and received the heartfelt thanks of an intelligent and peace-loving constituency. This is the enduring monument he had builded—it is even better than he knew.

Peter F. McCann is descended from Thomas and Maria McCann, both of whom were reared in county Longford, Ireland, but, emigrating to America, were married at the church, attached to Saint Vincent's Arch-Abbey, near Latrobe, August 5, 1852. Their children were: (1) Katherine, married James A. Kittl, now deceased, brother of Reverends Ferdinand and William Kittl, of the diocese of Pittsburg. (2) James T., unmarried, served as a director of the poor of Westmoreland county. (3) Peter F. (4) Mary Ellen, married P. C. Coyle.

Peter F. McCann was married to Rosalie L. Lambing, August 4, 1884, in the church at Kittanning. Christopher Lambing, the founder of the Lambing family in this country, was a son of an officer in the French army, and came from near Strasburg about 1740, and settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where his tenth child, Matthew, married Magdalene Kohn, in Adams county, to which he had previously moved in 1798. His fifth child, Michael Anthony, Mrs. McCann's father, was born there October 10, 1806. The family moved to Long Run, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1828, and to Manorville, same county, two years later. December 1, 1837, Michael Anthony Lambing married Anne Shields, and lived in Manorville the remainder of his life, except from 1844 to 1856, dying December 8, 1886.

Thomas Shields came to America from County Donegal, Ireland, about 1745, and purchased a large farm in the northern part of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1767 and made it his home. His son John, great-grandfather of Mrs. McCann, was born on the voyage to America, and about 1771 married Mary Easby. Their oldest child, William Casper, Mrs. McCann's grandfather, was born in 1772. He came to near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, when a young man. Later he bought a farm in South Buffalo township, Armstrong county, and May 24, 1805, married Mary Ruffner. They spent the remainder of their lives on the farm. Anne, the sixth child, Mrs. McCann's mother, was born July 4, 1814, married December 1, 1837, and died July, 1880. Rosalie Lambing (Mrs. McCann) is the youngest of five boys and four girls, and was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, near Sugar Creek Church. The family returned to Manorville, June 3, 1856, where Rosalie remained until her marriage. The following children survive Mr. and Mrs. P. F. McCann: Mary A., Rosalie L., Idlefonsa, Josephine L., Peter F., Jr., and Thomas.

Reverends A. A. Lambing, of Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, and M. A. Lambing of Scottdale, Pennsylvania, are brothers of Mrs. McCann, and both are prominent in the Pittsburg diocese. The former is one of Pennsylvania's most distinguished historians, and the latter is equally prominent as a leader in the work of the Total Abstinence Society.

Peter F. McCann engaged in 1897 in industrial pursuits. In that year he assisted in building the Old Meadow Rolling Mill at Scottdale, Pennsylvania, for the manufacturing of sheet iron. He was manager for one year, when the mill was sold. In 1899 he went into the business of contracting. He has built railroads, trolley lines, coke plants, reservoirs, etc. He has built the new state road running north from Greensburg, which is the first of its kind in the county, one of the first in the state under the existing law. The extent of his operations may be best measured by the fact that he employs constantly over one thousand men. With pardonable pride he can leave to history his part in the battle of life.

DAVID H. MCCARTY. The father of David H. McCarty, of New Kensington, was Hugh McCarty, who about 1845 or '46 emigrated from Banbridge, county Down, Ireland, and settled in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he worked at landscape gardening and other branches of horticulture. Later he engaged for some years in market gardening on a tract of land which now forms a part of Allegheny City. In 1868 he settled on a farm situated where New Kensington now stands, and there continued to labor as a market gardener until 1881, when he retired and returned to Allegheny City. In that place he held at one time the office of poor director. He supported the Democratic party, and was a member of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. McCarty married Mary McNalley, a native of county Armagh, Ireland, and their children were: Edward F., lives in Allegheny City; David H., mentioned hereafter; Mary J., Louise E., married Edward F. Kelley, and after his death became the wife of John F. Donovan; and Letitia H. There were also three who died in infancy. The death of Mr. McCarty occurred in 1891, in Allegheny City, where the closing years of his life had been passed.

David H. McCarty, son of Hugh and Mary (McNalley) McCarty, was born December 12, 1852, in Pittsburg, and received his education in the common schools of Allegheny City and Parnassus. In his youth he assisted in his father's business both as manager and as salesman until the year of his father's retirement, after which he conducted the business alone until 1891. He then entered the service of the Burrell Improvement Land Company as field salesman in the Kensington plan of lots, a position which he retained for two years. When the town was incorporated he was elected chief burgess for one year, and was re-elected the following year for a term of three years. After serving about two years of the second term he resigned in order to accept the office of postmaster to which he was appointed by President Cleveland for a term of three years, which he completed, and then served two years under the first McKinley administration. At the end of that time he resigned and accepted the nomination for sheriff of Westmoreland county, but was defeated by B. F. May, the county being largely Republican. At the age of twenty-one he was elected a member of the council of Allegheny City, and during his term of office served as chairman of the board of health. For three years he was poor director of Allegheny City, and in 1904 was again a candidate for the office of sheriff of Westmoreland county. He belongs to Electric Council, N. U., and Lodge No. 512, B. P. O. E., of New Kensington. He and his family are members of St. Joseph's (Roman Catholic) church of New Kensington.

Mr. McCarty has been twice married. His first wife was Ella, daughter of Simon and Hittie (Linton) Small, natives of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty had children: Mary Hester, Agnes Ella, Hugh Simon, and George Linton, who died in infancy. The others are at home. The mother of these

children died February 26, 1891, and March 2, 1897, Mr. McCarty married Susan H. Small, a sister of his first wife. By this marriage he is the father of two sons: David H. and Charles Joseph.

JOSEPH BULLERS. The father of Joseph Bullers, of New Kensington, was John Bullers, born in 1801, in England, and in 1842 emigrated to the United States, settling in Jefferson county. He had been a lace manufacturer in the old country, but on coming to his new home engaged for the remainder of his life in farming. He was a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Bullers married, in England, a Miss Shaw, and of their ten children six died in the old country. Those whom they brought with them to the United States were: William, Edwin, James and Ebenezer. After the death of his wife Mr. Bullers married Adeline Harrington, and their children were: Henry, deceased; Mary Ann, married J. Jones, of Jefferson county, and is now deceased; Joseph, mentioned hereafter; Elizabeth, wife of E. J. Irwin, of Jefferson county; Emily, married John Campbell; Rachel, wife of William Kirkman; Catherine, wife of W. N. Humphrey; Lucy, married William Clark; one who died in infancy; Thomas, deceased; Charles G., a farmer in Jefferson county; and Elmer, a farmer on the homestead. Mr. Bullers, the father, died in 1888.

Joseph Bullers, son of John and Adeline (Harrington) Bullers, was born October 14, 1845, in Jefferson county, where he was educated in the common schools. When but sixteen years of age he engaged in the lumber business for himself at Brookville, and continued it successfully for forty years. In connection with this he labored in summer as a farmer and drover. He is the only man in that part of the country who deals in pine timber. In 1885 he moved to New Kensington, established himself in the mercantile business, and the following year built a large store-house on the corner of Ninth street and Fourth avenue, which is one of the finest in the borough. He has there successfully continued the business ever since, carrying a general line of groceries and country produce. Since becoming a resident of the town he has built twenty houses. He belongs to Brookville Lodge No. 217, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican, and at one time was a member of the borough council. Mr. Bullers married Hannah F., daughter of James and Susan (Keys) Suffolk, the former English and the latter of Irish parentage. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bullers were: Arthur, died at the age of seven years; Amos, who is on his father's farm in Jefferson county, married Annie Coughern, and has two children: Florence and Helen; Vernie, wife of Joseph Dewitt, of New Kensington, and one who died in infancy.

FRANCIS M. CURTIS, of New Kensington, is the son of Dr. Charles Curtis, who came from Rutland, Vermont, to Parnassus, Pennsylvania, where he practiced medicine for a few years, after which he moved to Columbus City, Iowa, and there engaged in the practice of his profession during the remainder of his life. Dr. Curtis married Martha, daughter of David McClain, one of the first publishers of the old *Pittsburg Gazette*, and two children were born to them: Phœbe, and Francis M., mentioned hereafter. Dr. Curtis died about 1859.

Francis M. Curtis, son of Charles and Martha (McClain) Curtis, was born May 12, 1857, in Iowa, and was but two years old at the time of the death of his father. His mother then returned to her old home at Freeport, Pennsylvania, the boy receiving his education in the common schools of that place and of Indiana county. Afterward he attended the Elder's Ridge Academy, grad-





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uating at the end of two years. In 1877 he became clerk for the firm of Wilson & Manifold, general merchants of Parker's Landing, Pennsylvania. In 1883 he was admitted to partnership, the style of the firm becoming Manifold & Curtis, under which name the business was conducted for the next ten years. In 1893 he moved to New Kensington and there established a department store, which he has successfully conducted down to the present time under the firm name of Frank Curtis & Company. Mr. Curtis was one of the pioneer merchants of New Kensington, and his business has increased until he has now the largest store of its kind in the Allegheny valley. He is a director of the Logan Trust Company, of New Kensington, and one of the trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church of New Kensington. Mr. Curtis married Susan, daughter of Peter King, of Emlenton, Pennsylvania, and one child was born to them, who died in infancy.

**ALEXANDER LESLIE.** The family of which Alexander Leslie, of New Kensington, is a representative first comes into notice in the person of Mr. Leslie who was keeper of the ferries near Valley camp about the time of the building of the canal which ran through the Allegheny valley, where he lived and ended his days. His children were: William, deceased; David, mentioned hereafter; James, deceased; George, a farmer in Lower Burrell township; Thomas, deceased; and two daughters, one of whom was married to Thomas Marshall and the other to Alexander Marshall.

David Leslie was born in 1812 or '13 near New Kensington, and passed his life as a farmer in Lower Burrell township. In politics he was a staunch Republican and held the office of school director. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Mary Haltz, of Allegheny county, and their children were: George R., a farmer of Lower Burrell township; Agnes R.; William H., a farmer on the homestead; James, a real estate broker in South Sharon; Alexander, mentioned hereafter; and Elizabeth, wife of John Edmonds, of Carleton, Missouri. The death of Mr. Leslie, the father, occurred in 1892.

Alexander Leslie, son of David and Mary (Haltz) Leslie, was born October 25, 1859, and received his primary education in the common schools, from which he passed to the academy at Tarentum and thence to Duff's Business College, Pittsburg, where he graduated. For four or five years he was a teacher in his native county. About 1882 or '83 he established himself in the drug business at Parnassus, where he remained until 1892. He then moved to New Kensington, where he was one of the pioneer settlers, purchasing the second lot sold in the town. In that place he has ever since conducted a drug business. He has been elected to the office of school director. He belongs to Lodge No. 548, F. and A. M., of Verona, Pennsylvania, and in the sphere of politics adheres to the Republican party. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Leslie married Ada, daughter of Peter King.

**ALBERT H. SNYDER.** Jacob Snyder, great-grandfather of Albert H. Snyder, of New Kensington, emigrated from Germany and settled in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where he passed his life as a farmer. He married Margaret Helzel, and their children were: Jacob; William; John, mentioned hereafter; Tobias; George; Thomas; and Mary, married Alexander Davis.

John Snyder, son of Jacob and Margaret (Helzel) Snyder, was born April 3, 1823, in Bedford county, and in early life learned the trades of stonemason, bricklayer and plasterer, which he followed until 1868. He then engaged in

mercantile business at Reimersburg, Clarion county, continuing for twenty-two years and retiring in 1890. He was a member of the Reformed church. Mr. Snyder married Sarah J., daughter of John Felix Keller, and their children were: William D., mentioned hereafter; Elliott E., Emma F., married J. J. Anderson; Albert C., Annie B., wife of William H. Anderson; David E.; Mary L., married Richard B. Wick; and two who died in infancy. The death of the father of the family occurred August 11, 1904.

William D. Snyder, son of John and Sarah J. (Keller) Snyder, was born January 1, 1851, in Clarion county, where he received his education in the common schools and at the Clarion Collegiate Institute. In early life he assisted in his father's business and was freight and ticket agent for the Huntington & Broad Top railroad for two years. In 1892 he moved to New Kensington, where for three years he was engaged in the grocery business. For the last few years he has been in the employ of his son, A. H. Snyder, in the real estate, insurance and mortgage loan business at No. 913 Fifth avenue, New Kensington, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the first school board of New Kensington, and for two terms held the office of borough clerk. He is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity. Since the age of nineteen he has been a member of the Reformed church. Mr. Snyder married Anna M., daughter of James A. and Mary Mortimore, and their children were: Ida Florence, died at the age of fifteen years; Albert H., mentioned hereafter; Virgilia P., who is a stenographer and typewriter for the Pittsburg Reduction Works; John Lloyd, employed as a clerk by J. H. Eckley, of New Kensington; and three who died in childhood.

Albert H. Snyder, son of William D. and Anna M. (Mortimore) Snyder, was born August 9, 1876, at Reimersburg, Clarion county, where he received his education in the Clarion Collegiate Institute. During his school days he assisted his father in the latter's business, and after completing his education worked five years as a clerk for a real estate and insurance firm. Since March, 1900, he has been successfully engaged for himself in the real estate, loan and general insurance business. He belongs to Lodge No. 512, B. P. O. E., of New Kensington, and in politics is a staunch Republican. He is a member of the Reformed church of New Kensington. Mr. Snyder married S. Bertha, daughter of G. W. and Elvira Stewart, of Clarion county, and they have one child, Eugene Clyde Stewart Snyder.

ELMER J. BAXTER. The grandfather of Elmer J. Baxter, of Parnassus, was James Baxter, who passed his entire life as a farmer in Lower Burrell township. He belonged to the Democratic party, and was a member of the Presbyterian church. His children were: John, Robert, Andrew, mentioned hereafter; and James.

Andrew Baxter, son of James Baxter, was born in Westmoreland county, and like his father was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of the Presbyterian church of Parnassus. His wife was Susanna, daughter of William and Susanna Milligan, and their children were: William C., a farmer in Westmoreland county; Harriet, wife of John Culp; Elmer J., mentioned hereafter; Nancy J., married Frank M. Eyler; Newton J., a dentist in Jeannette; Margaret S., wife of Newton Anderson; Elizabeth L., Ida F., and Sallie M. The death of Mr. Baxter occurred in 1900.

Elmer J. Baxter, son of Andrew and Susanna (Milligan) Baxter, was born September 18, 1862, in Upper Burrell township, and received his primary education in the common schools, from which he advanced



to Parnassus Academy and Reedsburg Normal school. After teaching for three terms in his native township and for two years at Parnassus he purchased the shoe store of A. Cook, of that town, and for three years conducted the business. He then engaged in the hardware and implement business for about six years, the first three years under the firm name of Alter & Baxter, and the remainder of the time under that of Baxter & Wills. His next venture was in the real estate, loan and insurance business, which he has successfully conducted to the present time. He has recently organized, in partnership with H. H. Baxter, what is known as the New Kensington Fiber Plaster Company for the manufacture of wall plaster and other fire-proof products. In 1900 he was elected school director and in 1903 was re-elected for three years. For that length of time he was president of the board and is now treasurer. He has been chairman of the board of health for four years. In politics he is a Prohibitionist. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of New Kensington. Mr. Baxter married Carrie, daughter of Aaron and Mary A. Reimer, and their children were: Lelia I., died in childhood; Lola L., Flora E., and Ruth C.

DAVID THOMAS. John and Anna Thomas were the parents of David Thomas, of New Kensington, who was born July 12, 1860, in South Wales, and received his education in the common schools of his native country. After leaving school he learned the trade of a weaver. In April, 1881, he came to the United States and settled in Pittsburg, where for some time he followed his trade. In 1884 he obtained a position with the Metropolitan Insurance Company at Youngstown, Ohio, where he remained two years and a half, at the end of that time returning to Pittsburg and resuming his trade. In 1886 he became proprietor of the St. David's Hotel, Pittsburg, which he successfully conducted for fourteen years. December 10, 1900, he purchased what was then known as the Hotel Will of New Kensington, of which he immediately took possession, changing the name to the Hotel Kensington, and has been the proprietor ever since. In 1902, in partnership with Thomas J. Thomas, he engaged in the business of importing cockles or shell fish from the old country and prosecuted the undertaking for two years. In February, 1904, he was elected a member of the council of New Kensington, for a term of three years, and has since been largely instrumental in obtaining the new station at that place, and also other improvements. He is a member of Gomer Lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., Madock Lodge, No. 229, K. P., in which he has passed all chairs and holds the rank of past chancellor, and Cap Sheaf Lodge, No. 159, Heptasophs, all of Pittsburg. He is esteemed loyal knight of Lodge No. 512, B. P. O. E. of New Kensington, and also belongs to the Homeless Twenty-six. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

Mr. Thomas married in 1886, Elizabeth, widow of William R. Reese, and daughter of the late Thomas B. Jones of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and they have two daughters: Sarah, graduated from Sayres' Business College, of New Kensington, and is now stenographer for the Pittsburg works; and Maisie, at home. By her former marriage Mrs. Thomas was the mother of the following children: William R., manager of the Hotel Kensington; Annie, at home; Elizabeth, at home; and John T., employed as a clerk by the United States Steel & Tin Plate Company.

EUWER FAMILY. The family of which Robert Allen Euwer and Archie Nelson Euwer, of New Kensington, are representatives, was planted in this country by three brothers, Patrick, Samuel and John Euwer, who emi-

grated from Ireland in 1796. Patrick never married, Samuel settled on a farm at Sandy creek, Allegheny county, and left numerous descendants, and John was the founder of the Westmoreland county branch of the family.

John Euwer was born about 1767, in Ireland, and on coming to this country settled in Plum township, Allegheny county, where he purchased some two hundred and seventy acres of land and engaged in farming during the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Mr. Euwer married Nancy McMillen, of the Ligonier valley, and their children were: Jennie, wife of James McMath, farmer of Penn township, Allegheny county; Archibald, mentioned hereafter; Daniel, merchant of Blairsville and later of Pittsburg; Nancy, wife of Robert Euwer; Mary, wife of Thompson Graham, of Freeport, Pennsylvania; John Nelson, merchant; Eliza, wife of Robert Shearer; Samuel, merchant of Newcastle, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania; James, farmer on the homestead; and Isabel, wife of George Henderson, merchant of Newcastle. Mr. Euwer, the father, died in 1838.

Archibald Euwer, son of John and Nancy (McMillen) Euwer, was born in 1799, in Plum township, Allegheny county, where he passed his entire life as a farmer. He was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Mr. Euwer married Mary, daughter of Ebenezer and Nancy (Mitchell) Gill, and their children were: John, mentioned hereafter; Nancy Jane, deceased; Ebenezer G., merchant of Trafford, Pennsylvania; Matthew G., retired merchant of Parnassus; and Archie Nelson, farmer of Iowa, who during the Civil war enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Pierson, and served over three years in the Army of the Potomac, participating in all the battles from Fredericksburg to the surrender of Lee. The death of Mr. Euwer, the father of the family, occurred in 1843.

John Euwer, son of Archibald and Mary (Gill) Euwer, was born July 8, 1832, in Plum township, Allegheny county, and received his education in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he took charge of his father's farm, and until 1885 was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He then moved to Parnassus and there engaged in mercantile business, retiring February 7, 1901, since which time he has given his attention to real estate. In 1866 he left the homestead and purchased the Walnut Hill farm in Westmoreland county, on which he lived twelve years. In 1879 he bought a farm on Puckety creek, which he sold six years later on moving to Parnassus. He is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Mr. Euwer married, January 11, 1855, Isabella M., daughter of Robert and Annie Allen, natives of Scotland, and their children were: Anna Mary, wife of J. McKee Swank; Amelia Jane; Margaret G., died at the age of three years; Robert Allen, mentioned hereafter; Archie Nelson, also mentioned hereafter; Ida May, stenographer for the Central Railroad Company; Elvira Bell, stenographer in Pittsburg; Florence C., kindergarten teacher in Allegheny City; and Lizzie Emma, deceased, graduate of Slippery Rock Normal school and for some time a teacher.

Robert Allen Euwer, son of John and Isabella M. (Allen) Euwer, was born May 14, 1862, on his great-grandfather's farm, the homestead of the family, and received his education in the common schools and at the Parnassus Academy. At nineteen he established himself as a butcher at Parnassus in partnership with J. D. Rowan, but at the end of one year sold out and went to Iowa where he was engaged with William Todd as a cattle shipper. He then returned to Westmoreland county, and in 1881 again established himself as a butcher in Parnassus, continuing the business about three years. He was then

engaged for about four years in the livery business at Parnassus, after which he once more established himself as a butcher, thus time at Springdale, Allegheny county. He continued the business for thirteen years and then returned to Westmoreland county, where he purchased the furniture business of M. G. Euwer & Company, Ltd., entered into partnership with his brother, Archie Nelson Euwer, and established the business under the firm name of Euwer Brothers and Company. The enterprise proved successful and the affairs of the firm are now in a flourishing condition. Since 1891 Mr. Euwer has been president of the Springdale Building & Loan Association of Springdale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He is now serving on the council of Parnassus. His political support is given to the Republican party. He is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church of Parnassus. Mr. Euwer married Sarah J., daughter of the Rev. John Moulton Jones, and they had one child, John Moulton, graduate of Parnassus high school and Pittsburg Academy and now engaged in bookkeeping. Mrs. Euwer died in 1885, and Mr. Euwer subsequently married Katharine, daughter of Matthew Donnell. The issue of this marriage is one child, Archie Lloyd Euwer, at present attending Parnassus high school.

Archie Nelson Euwer, son of John and Isabella M. (Allen) Euwer, was born October 24, 1864, on the homestead, and was educated in the common schools and at the Oak Dale Academy, Allegheny. After serving one year as clerk for William Cruikshank, of Verona, Pennsylvania, he entered his father's store in Parnassus in a similar capacity, remaining five years. He then entered into partnership with his father, the connection continuing until February, 1901, when he purchased, in company with his brother Robert Allen Euwer, the furniture business since carried on by the firm of Euwer Brothers and Co. For some years Mr. Euwer held the office of borough auditor. He is a Republican, and a member and trustee of the United Presbyterian church of Logan's Ferry. Mr. Euwer married, October 3, 1895, Claribel, daughter of James M. and Anna (Stevenson) Greer, of Murraysville, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, James Greer Euwer, born August 20, 1901.

JAMES S. HITCHMAN, one of the prosperous and enterprising citizens of Mount Pleasant, traces his ancestry back to an early period, the pioneer immigrant, who was an officer in an English regiment, having come to America when George III sat upon the throne of Great Britain. He became interested in the condition of the Colonies and sympathizing with them in their struggle for political liberty, he soon resigned his position and identified himself with the colonial cause, but refused several important military commands in the Continental army during the revolutionary struggle. His delicate sense of honor would not allow him to draw his sword against the country whose uniform he had worn and whose pay he had received for many years. He was a resident of Virginia.

William Hitchman, son of the emigrant ancestor, removed from his home in Virginia to Redstone Creek, in what is now Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and which was then supposed to belong to Virginia. After the close of the Revolutionary war he went to Maryland and there married Nancy Gillespie, who was an estimable woman and a member of a well-respected family, and who bore him twelve children, among whom were the following: James, John, William, Robert, Andrew, Samuel, Gillespie, David, Nellie, Elizabeth. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Hitchman removed to Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland

county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

John Hitchman, son of William and Nancy (Gillespie) Hitchman, was born in 1789. When the war of 1812 broke out he enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Reynolds, was commissioned first lieutenant, and was ordered with his regiment to Baltimore, Maryland, where he served until the close of the war. In 1828 he was elected brigade-inspector in the Pennsylvania militia with the rank of major and served in that position until 1836. For several years thereafter he engaged in mercantile business, and in the borough of Mount Pleasant, where the greater part of his life was spent, was highly regarded both as a business man and citizen. He married Mary Thompson, who was a descendant of the Thompson family, widely known and highly respected in the Cumberland valley. She was born at Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1799, and died March 30, 1870, survived by her only child, William J. Hitchman. John Hitchman (father) died in March, 1846, aged fifty-seven years.

William J. Hitchman, only child of John and Mary (Thompson) Hitchman, was born at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1838. Before he was eight years of age his father died and he was left entirely to the care of his excellent mother, who instructed him in those right and noble principles of action which characterized his mature manhood. The greater part of his boyhood was spent at Laurelville, which was a small village at the foot of Chestnut Ridge, and early in life he engaged in the tanning business, which he conducted later on an extensive scale with his father-in-law, James Shields, and subsequently was associated with Mr. Neel in the same industry. Before he attained his seventeenth year he was acting as village school teacher, and served in that capacity for several years. Prior to this he began dealing in stock in a small way, which business he constantly enlarged, and which he still continued to conduct after he became an independently wealthy man. He was early engaged in the manufacture of coke under the firm name of Stone, Hitchman & Co., with ovens in the vicinity of Tarrs. Later they established ovens known as the Morewood plant, and they conducted an extensive business along that line for that day. At the Centennial, in 1876, they received the medal for the best and finest grade of coke. About the year 1880 Mr. Hitchman began to deal extensively in coal and coal lands, and he also operated to some extent in the production of coal in both Westmoreland and Washington counties, both these industries netting him a handsome return.

He was among the early stockholders in the banking interests of the borough of Mount Pleasant, becoming interested in the First National Bank, of which institution he later became a director, was the active head of the same for many years, and at the time of his death was serving as vice-president. Later in company with William B. Neel and J. C. Crownover he formed the Mount Pleasant Bank, which they operated until 1893, when it became known as the Citizens' National Bank of Mount Pleasant, and in this he held a directorship until his death. He was recognized as one of the ablest financiers of the county, conservative, but just. In 1884 he served as county chairman of the Republican party, and through his generalship the county went Republican, the first time in its history. He never sought political preferment, although a warm and active supporter of the party. He contributed largely in building up the town of Mount Pleasant, having erected a goodly number of buildings, and in various other ways added to its prosperity. He was a liberal, broad-minded man, well and favorably known throughout the community, and he possessed

a host of true friends, who fully appreciated his great moral worth as a man and citizen. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, to the support of which he contributed liberally.

January 2, 1861, Mr. Hitchman married Elizabeth Shields, daughter of James Shields, of Mount Pleasant, and six sons and two daughters were born to them: Mary, unmarried; Alice E., also unmarried; James S., mentioned hereafter; Edward T., a coal operator at Wheeling, West Virginia, head of the Hitchman Coal & Coke Company; John D., William M., a teller in the City Savings & Trust Company of Mount Pleasant; Walton M., and Arthur. William J. Hitchman, father of these children, died September 26, 1894; he was survived by his wife, who is living at the present time (1905).

James S. Hitchman, eldest son of William J. and Elizabeth (Shields) Hitchman, was born in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1865. He attended the public schools of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and at Blairstown, New Jersey, and then entered Princeton College, but was shortly afterward called home to take up business duties. In 1886 he entered the First National Bank of Mount Pleasant in the capacity of teller, serving as such until 1893, when he was appointed to the presidency of the Citizens' National Bank, which position he held until the reorganization, April 2, 1904, when it became known as the City Savings & Trust Company and he was elected president of the same. He is also largely interested in the coal industry, from which he derives a goodly income. He is a staunch Republican in politics, but not in any sense of the word an office-seeker, and exercises a potent influence in behalf of the party whose principles he advocates. He is one of the progressive young men of the community, keenly alive to everything which concerns in any way the well being of the town and county.

ALFRED R. WOODS, of New Kensington, is the son of William P. Woods, who was born in 1811, in the north of Scotland, whence he came in 1831 or '32 to the United States, settling in Center county, Pennsylvania. He was a shoemaker by trade, but after his emigration engaged in the lumber business and in farming. In 1861 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until 1864, when he received wounds which proved fatal. He was a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Woods married Mary, daughter of Andrew Vasbinder, and their children were: Oliver P., deceased; William A., assistant warden of insane criminal asylum, Ionia, Michigan; Nancy A., deceased wife of William Covert; Joseph V., deceased; John B., harness manufacturer of Indiana; Samuel M., also of Indiana; and Alfred R., mentioned hereafter.

Alfred R. Woods, son of William P. and Mary (Vasbinder) Woods, was born November 14, 1857, near Brookville, Jefferson county, and received his education in the Soldiers' Orphan school, Dayton, Armstrong county, and at the Union Academy. At eighteen he went to learn the marble cutter's trade with J. S. Moore, of Brookville, where he remained sixteen years. He then entered into partnership with A. B. McLain, and together they established the marble and granite business in Brookville under the firm name of A. P. McLain & Company. At the end of three years they moved to New Kensington, being among the pioneers, and there successfully continued the business. Since the spring of 1905 Mr. Woods' son, Robert A., has been sole proprietor. In politics Mr. Woods is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Woods married Mary, daughter of John Hains, and their children are: Edna M., wife of John C. Sullivan; Robert A., successor to

his father's business; Lillie E., graduate of Duff College, stenographer for D. J. Kennedy, of Pittsburg; Maud M., at home; Anna E., in telephone office, Pittsburg; James B., at home; William M., at home; Jackson E., at home; and Dorothy, at home.

ALBERT S. KAUFMAN, M. D. The father of Dr. Albert S. Kaufman, of New Kensington, was Harrison Kaufman, who was born August 9, 1840, in Indiana county, son of Samuel Kaufman, who was born May 31, 1812, died July 27, 1870, and Sarah (Heckman) Kaufman, born April 28, 1811, died February 12, 1890, both were born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania. Samuel Kaufman was a son of Joseph Kaufman and Nancy (Myers) Kaufman, born August 8, 1794, died March 9, 1878; both were born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Harrison Kaufman received his education in the Plumville Academy. For twenty-five years he taught during the winters and in the summers engaged in farming in Indiana county. For some time he held the office of township auditor. He is a Republican, and for thirty years or more has served as elder in the Presbyterian church of Bethel, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kaufman married Margaret, daughter of Levi and Jane Young, of Indiana county, and they have children: Albert S., mentioned hereafter; Harry E., minister of Presbyterian church at Harrisville, Pennsylvania; Ella Blanche, wife of J. M. Robinson, teacher in Indiana county; George W., student at Allegheny Theological Seminary; and Grace E., wife of Harry S. Pounds, farmer of Westmoreland county.

Albert S. Kaufman, son of Harrison and Margaret (Young) Kaufman, was born June 11, 1869, in Indiana county, where he received his primary education in the common schools, passing thence to the Jacksonville Academy and the Indiana State Normal school. During four years he taught in the schools of his native county. After spending three years in the office of Dr. W. L. Shields, of Jacksonville, he entered Baltimore Medical College, from which he graduated in 1893 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, afterward receiving the endorsement of Western Pennsylvania Medical College, of Pittsburg. Immediately after graduation he opened an office in New Kensington, where he has since continuously remained and has built up a successful practice. Dr. Kaufman is first vice-president of the Westmoreland County Medical Society, is also a member and ex-president of the Allegheny Valley Medical Society, and of the New Kensington Physicians Association. He is examiner for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, Metropolitan of New York, Aetna of Hartford, Connecticut, Sun Life of Canada, Penn Mutual of Philadelphia, Pittsburg Life and Trust, Equitable of Des Moines, Iowa, Bankers of Des Moines, Iowa, and Modern Woodmen of America. At one time he held the office of auditor of the borough. He is a Republican in politics. He is an elder in the United Presbyterian church of Parnassus. Dr. Kaufman married Susan E., daughter of M. H. and Jane Henry, of Indiana county, and they have children: Mary M., born August 5, 1893; Albert R., born September 5, 1895; Grace Elizabeth, born July 5, 1898, died February 21, 1900; Anna Bell, born November 25, 1900; Ruth D., born February 28, 1903, died August 23, 1905, and Helen, born October 13, 1905.

JAMES M. PATTERSON, of New Kensington, is the grandson of James Patterson, who was born in 1773, in county Down, Ireland, and at the age of sixteen emigrated to the United States, settling for a short time near Steubenville, in Virginia. After three or four years he went to Washington



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county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a farm, and for the remainder of his life gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. In politics he was allied successively with the Whigs, the Know-Nothings, and the Republicans. For about forty years he served as elder in the United Presbyterian church of North Hope. Mr. Patterson married Mary Miller, and their children were: Alexander, Thomas, James, mentioned hereafter; David, John, Jane, wife of James Armstrong, of West Middletown; Elizabeth, wife of James Richmond, of West Finley township, Washington county, and about 1868 they moved to Colorado, where both died; Margaret, wife of Samuel Leiper, of the neighborhood of Hookstown, Beaver county; Mary, wife of James Tagert, of Allegheny county. Mr. Patterson, the father, lived to be almost a centenarian, his death occurring about 1867.

James Patterson, son of James and Mary (Miller) Patterson, was born in 1816, on the old homestead, near West Middletown, where he remained until after his marriage, settling then on a farm adjoining the homestead. In 1848 he sold the property and bought a farm of ninety-six acres near Goodintont, where he remained about six years. He then sold this farm and purchased another of one hundred and seventy-five acres on what was known as Blockhouse run. On this property he made his home until 1866, when he sold it and went with his son, James M. Patterson, to Beaver county, where he became the owner of a farm of two hundred and seventy-three acres, situated some fifty miles from his former home at Tumbleton run, near Hookstown. He lived on this farm until about 1885, when he abandoned agriculture and moved to Hookstown where he made his home until the death of his wife. He then sold his house and resided with his sons on the homestead during the remainder of his life. He was a Republican, and for some years an elder of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Patterson married Jane, daughter of Hugh and Esther Leiper, of Hookstown, and their children were: James M., mentioned hereafter; Esther A., deceased wife of Alford Marks, of East Liverpool; Hugh, died in childhood; Sarah, wife of Joseph Armstrong; Anna Mary, wife of Pollock Thompson, near Frankford Springs; Hugh (2), farmer on the homestead; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Ramsey, near Mill Creek Church, Beaver county; Amanda, died unmarried; Anderson, farmer on part of the homestead; Della, deceased wife of David Strauss; Eva, wife of William Richmond; David, drowned in the old well when about three years of age. The mother of this family died in 1891, and the father passed away in 1895.

James M. Patterson, son of James and Jane (Leiper) Patterson, was born July 10, 1843, near West Middletown, on the homestead which had been the birthplace of his father and the home of his grandfather. In 1863 he enlisted in Company K, Sixteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, served to the close of the war and was present at the surrender of Lee.

After his return home he engaged in farming until 1875, when he went to Wellsville, Ohio, and there learned the machinist's trade, the practice of which, however, he found injurious to his health. He therefore took a position with the Brook Oil Company of Cleveland, which he retained twelve or thirteen years. In 1894 he moved to New Kensington and established himself in the undertaking business, which he has successfully conducted to the present time. He is a member of New Kensington Post, No. 636, G. A. R., P. O. S. of A., of New Kensington, and Lodge No. 1048, I. O. O. F., also of New Kensington. In the last-named organization he has passed all chairs and has held for one year the office of treasurer. He is a Republican, and during four years served on the county committee.

**ALBERT M. BEATTY.** The great-grandfather of Albert M. Beatty, of Ligonier, was William Beatty, who spent his entire life in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the trade of a wagonmaker and was also engaged in business as an undertaker. His wife was Isabella Colwell, and their children were: James, mentioned hereafter; William, Absalom, Samuel, Jane married William Bowman; and Margaret, married Samuel Patterson.

James Beatty, son of William and Isabella (Colwell) Beatty, was born in 1812, in Armstrong county, and learned the wagonmaker's trade which he followed in connection with that of a carpenter and cabinetmaker, and also engaged in the milling business. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Beatty married Catherine Richard, and their children were: Mary, married Silas Wareham; Michael, deceased; William; Miles, lives in Armstrong county; James, a carpenter and builder in the same county; Samuel A., mentioned hereafter; John, a resident of Pittsburg; Daniel, also lives in that city; and Catherine, wife of Thompson Kelley.

Samuel A. Beatty, son of James and Catherine (Richard) Beatty, was born February 24, 1847, in Armstrong county, and received his education in the common schools. For some years he worked among the farmers of his native county. In 1865 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fourth Regiment, Sixth Army Corps, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for one year or during the war, and was mustered out of service August 25, 1865. Mr. Beatty married Elenora Hawk, and they had children: Ora, wife of Edward Fry; Albert M., mentioned hereafter; Wyron W., at home; Smith E.; Florence A., at home; Gertrude A., married Edward Lowry, of Ligonier.

Albert M. Beatty, son of Samuel A. and Elenora (Hawk) Beatty, was born July 29, 1870, and received his education in the common schools. In 1893 he began to learn the business of a barber with Jacob Hamilton, of Ligonier, with whom he remained one year, and then opened an establishment of his own in partnership with C. L. Bonser, after conducting the business alone for two years. The connection was maintained five years, and in April, 1902, Mr. Beatty leased the National Hotel, in Ligonier, of which he has ever since been the successful proprietor. He is a member of Lodge No. 964, I. O. O. F., of Ligonier. Mr. Beatty married Martha, daughter of James and Martha (Long) Gillespie, and they have two children: Margaret, and Eugene.

**MILLER BROTHERS.** Clifford E. and Irwin C. Miller, constitute the firm of Miller Brothers, proprietors of one of the largest department stores of Westmoreland county, located at Arona. The former was born April 22, 1880, and the latter born September 28, 1876. They are sons of John W. Miller and Catherine (Bussard) Miller, the former of whom was born in Hempfield township, in 1851, his parents being Lewis and Susan (Fox) Miller. John W. Miller was reared in his father's home, acquired his education in the common schools and when about twenty years of age, in company with W. H. Bussard, purchased the mercantile business of Adam Miller, at Arona. This was the nucleus of the present extensive house conducted by the Miller brothers. John W. Miller and his partner conducted the business up to the time of the former's death, in 1881, when Mr. Bussard purchased Mr. Miller's interest, becoming sole proprietor and carrying on the same until 1895, when it was destroyed by fire. Following the death of her first husband, Mrs. Catharine Miller became the wife of G. W. Miller, in 1884, and in 1889 G. W. Miller embarked in merchandising in Arona. In 1894 his wife became the owner of the business and conducted the same up to the time of her death, in May, 1902,

when Clifford E. and Irwin C. purchased the same and have since been its proprietors.

Clifford E. Miller was educated in the county schools and at Leach's Business College, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania and in Grove City College, where he pursued a classical course. When only nine years of age Clifford E. Miller entered the store and being apt and ambitious, quick in his movements and courteous to the patrons, he soon became a valued factor in the conduct of the enterprise and it was only a few years until he was practically manager of the business. His brother, who pursued his education in the public schools, secured a position in early youth with W. H. Bussard, his father's successor, with whom he remained until the destruction of the store by fire. He then accepted a position with the Madison Supply Company, with whom he remained for eight years, four years of the time acting as general manager. In 1902 he accepted a position with Eli Sell and Company, of Greensburg, with whom he continued for a year, when his business interests in Arona demanded his attention and he resigned his position there. The brothers have since been closely associated in the conduct of the store and in addition to their mercantile enterprise they own and operate a stock farm. Their business in Arona is a large department store and within space of ten years their trade has grown so rapidly that their floor space has been increased from six hundred to ten thousand square feet, while from forty to fifty carloads of goods are purchased annually. The trade has long since reached profitable proportions and in the conduct of the enterprise the brothers display marked executive ability, keen discernment and indefatigable energy. Both are supporters of the Democratic party and they are members of the United Brethren church, in which Irwin C. Miller is now serving as elder and also as a member of the board of trustees. Clifford E. was married, June 7, 1905, to Minnie, daughter of Irwin W. Moore, of New Stanton, Pennsylvania. Irwin C. Miller was married May 2, 1905, to Eleanor, daughter of Robert J. Anderson, of Manor, Pennsylvania.

W. H. BUSSARD. For three generations the Bussard family has been represented in Westmoreland county, and in colonial days was established in Pennsylvania, the great-grandfather serving as a soldier of the Revolutionary war in defense of colonial interests. Being captured by the British troops, he was imprisoned and was starved to death while still held in captivity.

Conrad Bussard, the grandfather, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, and the year 1779 witnessed his arrival in Westmoreland county, accompanied by his wife and one child. They also brought with them a cow and around its neck was fastened a bell, which is still in possession of the family. Conrad Bussard secured a tract of land near Irwin Station and there successfully carried on general farming for many years. His death occurred in 1852, when he was about seventy-six years of age.

Conrad Bussard, junior, son of Conrad Bussard, senior, was born on the home farm at Irwin Station, in 1812, and there he assisted his father in general agricultural pursuits until his thirty-third year, when he was married and went to a home of his own, settling at what is now Bussardtown, which place was founded by his father. In early life he learned and followed the cooper's trade and when his labors had brought him sufficient capital to purchase land he became the owner of a farm near Adamsburg and there turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1865 he purchased his father-in-law's farm, which now lives in the heart of Arona and in the midst of the richest coal fields of Pennsylvania. He afterward bought Joseph Rombaugh's farm and made

his home thereon until his death in 1881. He held membership in the Brush Creek Lutheran church and gave his political support to the Democracy. He married Catherine Shumaker, daughter of William Shumaker, who was the owner of the farm now occupied by George O. Bussard. Their children were: Mary, wife of Michael Erhart, of Arona; W. H., and George O., who is also carrying on agricultural pursuits in Arona.

W. H. Bussard was reared at home, acquired a common school education, and at the age of eighteen years apprenticed himself to the blacksmith's trade which he followed for four years. He afterward returned home and took charge of the property, his brother George having left home. There William H. Bussard remained for a year, at the end of which time he purchased a half interest in the mercantile business of John W. Miller and Company, at Arona. Following the death of Mr. Miller, in 1882, he became sole proprietor of the business, which he conducted successfully until 1894, when the store was completely destroyed by fire. He then purchased the farm where he now resides, owning and operating a good tract of land and in addition he is the owner of a sawmill, where he engages in the manufacture of lumber. He is likewise a coal operator, having one of the valuable coal banks of this portion of the state. Mr. Bussard is a Prohibitionist in his political views, taking an active interest in the work of the party. He belongs to the Free Methodist church, of which he is a steward, and he is classed with the leading and highly respected citizens of Hempfield township.

Mr. Bussard was married in 1874 to Eliza Errett, daughter of Jacob Errett, of Hempfield township, and they had eight children, of whom seven are living: Clarence F., a veteran of the Spanish-American war; Dirbin J., John W., James H., Jennie E., Robert E., and Clark E., all at home.

**LESTER L. LOWE.** Four generations of the Lowe family have been represented in Westmoreland county, the great-grandfather having removed to Ruffsedale, this county, from east of the mountains. His son, George Lowe, was born at Ruffsedale and became a prominent farmer of that locality, spending his entire life there.

Marks Lowe, son of George Lowe, was also born and reared at Ruffsedale, becoming a leading agriculturist of that community, and continued to make his home there until his life's labors were ended in death. He married Sarah Brant.

Lester L. Lowe, son of Marks and Sarah Lowe, was born at Ruffsedale, July 13, 1855, and in his youth became familiar with the labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He acquired a common school education and for four years engaged in teaching in the district schools. When about nineteen years of age he apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade and in 1884 he accepted a position with the firm of Hecla Coke Company at Hecla and Trauger, which company owned a number of stores. He was identified with the company for thirteen years and a portion of the time acted as manager. On the expiration of that period he removed to Ruffsedale, where he was variously employed for three years, and during that time he built the Empire Coke Works. In the spring of 1901 he came to Youngwood, then a mere hamlet, containing only three or four houses. Here he turned his attention to the lumber business and also began contracting and building in partnership with Charles R. Haller, the style of the firm being Lowe and Haller. In the rapid transformation when Youngwood developed from a village into a borough the firm took an active part in its improvement, erecting the greater number of the residences in the town.

They now own extensive property interests in the town and have laid out a considerable portion of the borough.

Mr. Lowe is a Democrat in politics, with strong Prohibition tendencies and in 1892 he was a candidate on the Prohibition tickets for the state legislature. An active and influential member in the Reformed church, he is now serving as one of its deacons, and he belongs to Ruffsdales Lodge, No. 8, O. of M. He is accounted one of the leading business men of Youngwood. In the spring of 1905 he was elected to borough council.

Mr. Lowe was married in 1894 to Sadie Fiscus, daughter of John Fiscus, of Whitney, Washington county, and their children are: Ethel G., Mary E., and Alvin F.

**ROBERT ELLIS.** The family of which Robert Ellis is a representative had its origin, so far as the ancestral history can be traced, in Wales. His grandfather was a native of that country and when about six years of age was brought to the United States, the family locating near Jones Mill, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared. He afterward located on a farm, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which resulted from being thrown from a cart in which he was standing, when the horses gave a sudden start, throwing him to the ground and breaking his neck. He was twice married, his second wife being the grandmother of Robert Ellis. By the first marriage there were seven children, all of whom are now deceased. By the second marriage there were two children—James and Robert. The latter is now in his eighty-eighth year and resides in Linn county, Iowa, near Cedar Rapids, being the oldest living resident of that section of county, having located there in May, 1838, when the Indians were far more numerous in that region than the white men.

James Ellis, father of Robert Ellis, was born in Westmoreland county and as his father was in humble financial circumstances at the time of his death, his children were placed in the homes of neighbors by whom they were reared. On attaining his majority, James Ellis learned the cabinetmaker's trade, in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and afterward went to Ligonier, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a journeyman, and while there he became acquainted with the lady whom he made his wife. Later he removed to Madison, Pennsylvania, where he opened a shop, and in 1856 he went with his family to Indiana, but finding that fever and ague were prevalent in the state at that day, he returned to Westmoreland county, after two weeks spent in the middle west. For a brief period he lived in New Alexandria, Pennsylvania, and then went to Greensburg, while in 1858 he opened a mercantile store in Ludwick, now Greensburg, at the corner of West Ottoman and Hamilton streets, where James Seanor is now located. There he carried on merchandising until 1895, when he sold his business and retired to private life. In early manhood he gave his political support to the Democracy, but in 1856 joined the new Republican party, which in that year placed its first presidential candidate in the field and continued one of its supporters up to the time of his death. He held membership in the First Presbyterian church and he died April 22, 1897, at the age of seventy-seven years, eight months and seven days. He married Isabelle McClintock and of their eight children, six are now living, namely: Maggie, wife of M. M. Clark, of Claridge, Westmoreland county; Elizabeth, wife of W. J. Porter, of Fremont, Iowa; Nannie E., wife of J. L. McKeever, of this county; Robert; Albert C., who for thirty years was a merchant at Pittsburg, Pa.; and Josie, wife of J. C. Zeak, of Morristown, N. J.

Robert Ellis, son of James Ellis, was born in Madison, Westmoreland county, October 26, 1848, and was a public school student. At the age of twenty years he went west, spending two years in Iowa and two years in Missouri at farm work. He then returned home and entered his father's store. During the following four years he saved his money, and in 1876 entered into partnership with his father, a business relation that was maintained until 1881, when he sold his interest and began an independent business for himself at Weaver's Old Stand, in Westmoreland county. There he remained for nine years, enjoying a good patronage, which brought him a desirable, financial return. During the latter part of that period conditions changed much, the Hecla mines being opened about two miles away from that place. As this left him away from the railroad, he began to look around for favorable location, and decided and found that Youngwood furnished the opening that he desired. In 1890, therefore, he removed to the New Light building, the first structure erected in the now prosperous borough. There he opened his line of goods and conducted business successfully for ten years, when he retired from active mercantile life and is now enjoying a well earned rest. He, therefore, owns several propertites in Youngwood, together with the old farm homestead in Ludwick, and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the county. Interested in political questions and issues, Robert Ellis has always been a Republican and active in community affairs, is now serving as president of the school board and is secretary of the board of trade in Youngwood. He was also for five years postmaster at Weaver's Old Stand and has continued in the same office in Youngwood ten years, and in all that time he never missed a connection with any train. It was through his instrumentality that the postoffice in Youngwood was established in 1891. Mr. Ellis married, October, 1876, Charlotte Byers, daughter of John H. Byers, who lived near Weaver's Old Stand. There were three children of this marriage, but only two are living—James B. and Robert Ellis, both at home.

A. H. CAVEN, M. D., engaged in the practice of medicine in Youngwood, is a grandson of Alexander and Esther (Brugh) Caven, residents of Westmoreland county, the grandfather following the occupation of farming. Their son, Eli Caven, born in Harrold, this county, was there reared and still resides upon the old homestead farm. He gives his political support to the Republican party and served for several years as justice of the peace. He is a man of large influence locally and transacts much public business, frequently serving as administrator of estates. He enjoys the unqualified trust of the general public. For fifteen years he acted as school director, and he has long been a member of the United Brethren church, in which for many years he has held office. He married Clara M. Campbell, and of their five children, four are yet living: Mary A., wife of Dr. F. G. McKlveen; William A., a practicing physician of Pittsburg, Pa.; A. H., Addison V., at home.

Dr. A. H. Caven was born at Bottsville, now Harrold, Pennsylvania, in Westmoreland county, April 23, 1877, and after attending the common schools, became a student in Ligonier, Pennsylvania Classical Institute, and later in Otterbein University, at Westerville, Ohio. In 1897 he began the study of medicine, entering the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, at Pittsburg, in which institution he was graduated in the spring of 1901. He then located in Pittsburg and for six months practiced with his brother at No. 2126 Fifth avenue. On the expiration of that period he returned to Youngwood, and in the three years here passed has built up a large and gratifying practice. He has through-





*Nicholas Kromer*



out this period been surgeon of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He is a member of Youngwood Lodge, No. 667, I. O. O. F., Woodland Lodge, No. 310, K. P., and Y. U. Lodge, No. 108, Grand Fraternity, also Ivy Commandery, K. of M., Greensburg. He also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and is serving as secretary of its board of stewards.

NICHOLAS KROMER, the proprietor of the Columbia Hotel, at Alverton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a native of France, born February 21, 1839. He received his educational training in the land of his birth, and in 1869, in company with his wife and family, came to America, locating in Connellsville, Pennsylvania. He immediately found employment in the coal mines, and after ten years of this occupation embarked in the business of photographer, being thus engaged for six years. He was then elected to the position of constable of Connellsville, and after serving for one year in this capacity removed to Everson, where he purchased a hotel known as the Ureka House, which he successfully conducted for six years. He then erected what is now known as the Kromer House, in Scottdale, Pennsylvania, and was its proprietor for eight years. Owing to failing health Mr. Kromer retired from active business pursuits for two years, during this period visiting his native country and renewing his acquaintance with his relatives and the friends of his youth. When he was again able to engage in business he removed to Alverton, Pennsylvania, and there purchased property on which he erected the present Columbia Hotel, and in the conduct of which he is now engaged. This is an excellent house, well known to the traveling community, and enjoys a generous patronage. In religious faith Mr. Kromer is a Lutheran, and his wife affiliates with the Roman Catholic church. Fraternally he is a member of Castle No. 238, Knights of Pythias, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania; Lodge No. 242, Improved Order of Red Men, Connellsville; also the German Lodge, of Connellsville.

Mr. Kromer married in 1866, in France, Catherine Weibel, who was born June 14, 1844, daughter of Henry and Christine (Clair) Weibel. Of this marriage the following named children have been born: Jacob, a resident of Youngwood, proprietor of the Youngwood Hotel; Harry, a foreman in the Scottdale Foundry and Machine Shop; Charles, an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Phillip, a roller in the Scottdale Mills; Catherine, wife of Nicholas Kaeff, and Elizabeth, wife of H. M. Davis.

W. H. BROWN, M. D., engaged in the practice of medicine in Youngwood, was born in Uniontown, Maryland, June 21, 1868, a son of John A. and Mary E. (Engler) Brown, while his paternal grandparents were Moses and Susan (Harbaugh) Brown. The grandfather, who was of Swiss descent, was a railroad contractor and lived and died in Ellicott City, Maryland. John A. Brown was born and reared in Ellicott City and when a young man went to Uniontown, where he learned the trades of painting and paper-hanging, becoming a contractor in those departments of business activity. In 1884 he removed to Washington, D. C., where he was employed in the treasury department of the government service. He died in 1895, at the age of sixty-three years. In politics he was a Democrat, and was a man of influence in the councils of the party in Maryland, and while there he held a clerkship in the state legislature of Maryland for several years. He held membership in the Methodist Protestant church. His widow is still living and resides with her daughter at Armbrust, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of four children, of whom three are living: Susie C., wife of G. C. Mawkerz, of Waynesboro, Pa.; Nellie G., wife of T. F. Armbrust, living in the borough of Armbrust; and W. H.

Reared in his parent's home, Dr. Brown supplemented his early educational privileges by study in the Western Maryland College, at Westminster, Maryland, and when eighteen years of age he began reading medicine under Dr. T. J. Shreeve, of Uniontown, Maryland, with whom he remained for a year, and in the fall of 1886 he matriculated in the University of Maryland, being graduated from the medical department in the spring of 1889. He located for practice in New Stanton, Pennsylvania, where he remained for three and a half years, and then removed to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but after a brief time he went to Washington, D. C., where he was located for two years. In the winter of 1895 he came to Youngwood, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice, having the confidence of his professional brethren and of the general public as well.

Dr. Brown was married in 1902, to Irene M. Gibbons, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Scott) Gibbons, of Washington, D. C. Dr. Brown belongs to Woodland Lodge, No. 210, K. P., of Youngwood; Painterville Lodge, J. O. U. A. M., of New Stanton; and the Youngwood Lodge of the Grand Fraternity. In the line of his profession he is connected with the Westmoreland County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is one of its trustees. When the borough of Youngwood was organized he was elected a member of the town council, which position he now holds, and he is a man of sterling character and much esteemed, both professionally and socially.

**PHILO N. PYATT.** The ancestor of Philo N. Pyatt came to the United States from France about 1786. He was a Baptist and an earnest worker in behalf of Christianity as he interpreted its teachings. Taking part in the French revolution, he was deported by his government and became an American citizen. The family name was originally spelled Payette.

Rev. James B. Pyatt, father of Philo N. Pyatt, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where his father was engaged in contracting and building. The former was reared in his native city and after completing his literary education he prepared for the ministry as a student in Bethany College, in Virginia, after which he was ordained as a preacher of the Disciple church. After filling pulpits in connection with several different churches, he accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he remained for several years, and about 1882 he went to Los Angeles, California, where several members of the family had preceded him. There he died when about eighty years of age. He filled the pulpit there on Sunday prior to his demise, and continued his active work in behalf of the church throughout the years of his manhood. During the Civil war he was chaplain of the Ninth Pennsylvania Reserves, and was one of the well known and honored Christian men who joined the army to administer religious teachings among the soldiers. He had a brother, Joseph O. Pyatt, who was one of the noted educators of the United States, and was also an author of note. For years he and his wife were instructors in the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his reputation along educational lines extended throughout the United States. Rev. James B. Pyatt married Mary C. Stevenson, and they had eight children, but only two are living, the daughter being Maggie, wife of William Horner, of Los Angeles, California.

Philo N. Pyatt was born in Evansburg, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1856, and he attended the public schools between the ages of six and sixteen years, when he began earning his own livelihood. He took up the study of telegraphy, and in 1873 was assigned to duty in an office in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. In 1878 he

left the telegraph service, and for eight years was a trainman in the passenger service of the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, being located at Harrisburg. In 1886 he went to Scottdale where he again entered the telegraph service, and in February, 1902, he removed to Youngwood, where he established himself in the mercantile business, but left the active management of his store to his son, while he continued his duties as a telegrapher. He was promoted to the position of train dispatcher of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad in July, 1902, and is now acting in that capacity. He votes with the Republican party, and is influential in political circles. He served two terms as councilman of Scottdale, and during the last year was president of the council. He is a member of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, A. F. and A. M.; Scottdale Council, No. 807, R. A.; and also belongs to the Baptist church. Mr. Pyatt married, in 1880, Harriet E. Strickler, a daughter of Isaac Strickler, of South Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county. Their children were: Caleb F., now deceased; Thomas Earl, manager of his father's mercantile business, and postmaster of Youngwood; and Oscar, still in school.

GEORGE W. COX, proprietor of a bakery in Youngwood, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1851, and is descended from Revolutionary ancestry, his grandfather, Abraham Cox, having fought for independence. He was an iron moulder by trade and removed from the eastern to the western slope of the mountains when the latter district was being opened up, and worked for its iron deposits, the old charcoal furnaces being used with the iron moulding business in Fayette county, where he was employed.

To a limited extent George W. Cox attended the public schools, but his privileges in that direction were not extensive. His active career has been a varied one, he having been engaged in numerous business enterprises in different parts of western Pennsylvania. He removed, August 19, 1901, to Youngwood from West Newton, where he was engaged in the grocery business for four years. On coming to Youngwood he established a bakery which he is now conducting, and in this enterprise is meeting with desirable success. There were only four or five houses in the borough when he located here, but with the rapid growth of the place his business has also grown. He is a man of genial disposition and commercial integrity, and numbers among his friends the best people of the borough. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party. Mr. Cox was married, in 1872, to Sarah Keihl, a daughter of Adam Keihl, of North Huntingdon township.

W. HERBERT NISWONGER, son of John H. and Rebecca M. (Deusenbury) Niswonger, was born August 13, 1875, near Mendon, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools and worked on the farm in his native place until he had reached the age of twenty-one years. He then struck out for himself, going to Everson, Fayette county, and took a position in a grocery store, in January, 1897. He followed this business until February, 1904, when he went into partnership with John F. Eicher and opened a shoe store, under the firm name of Niswonger and Eicher, at Scottdale. They carry the highest grade of goods, making a specialty of the Drinlap and Crawford shoes for men and the Patrician shoe for women. Mr. Niswonger is the business manager of the establishment and is a man well suited to the business, being of an unusually affable and enterprising disposition. In addition to this business he is a stockholder in the Kinney Company, of Scottdale, the Belton Coal and Coke Company, of West Virginia, and is also inter-

ested in South Sharon Mercer Company, of Pennsylvania. He is active politically, a Republican, and always takes a deep interest in public affairs, and while a resident of Everson he was elected tax collector of Upper Tyron township. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, master at arms, Scottdale Fountain Lodge, No. 443, and of the Independent Order of Puritans, and is a member of the Bankers' Life Insurance Company. Mr. Niswonger married, June 10, 1897, Hattie J. Crise, daughter of William and Kate Crise, a native of South Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county. They have had two sons who died in infancy. They are members of the United Brethren church, Mr. Niswonger being a trustee. He has twice represented his church at the Allegheny conferences, in 1903 at Philipsburg, and again in 1904 at Scottdale. He is also active in Sabbath school work.

LEVI T. GILBERT, M. D., son of Alexander and Sarah (Tarr) Gilbert, was born June 8, 1865, at Bullskin, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. His father was born near Gettysburg, Adams county, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1824, and at the age of seventeen years came to Fayette county where he worked at his trade, bricklaying, which he had learned in Adams county, and after five years he purchased fifty acres of wild land in Bullskin township. This he constantly improved, clearing the land, erecting buildings and cultivating the soil. Later he added twenty acres, and followed his trade in connection with his farming until he was seventy years of age. Most of the brick buildings in this section of the country were erected by him. In politics his sympathies have been always strongly Democratic, but he has ever displayed the tolerance for other people's views of a true gentleman. At the advanced age of eighty-one years he still displays his natural activity. His wife, Sarah Tarr Gilbert, a daughter of James R. Tarr, was born in Westmoreland county, near Tarr's Station. She died in 1901, aged seventy-one. Eight children were born to them: Josephine, wife of Frank Gilbert, of Columbus, Ohio; John, a bricklayer, of Butler county, Pennsylvania; Mary, deceased wife of James Marsh, of Irwin, Pennsylvania; Minerva, deceased wife of Irwin Muir, Brad-dock, Pennsylvania; Lydia, wife of John T. Farmer, Homewood, Pennsylvania; James R., a farmer at Bullskin, Pennsylvania; Levi T., of whom later; and Frank, who died in childhood.

Levi T. Gilbert was reared on the farm and lived there until he reached the age of twenty-two years. When he was seventeen years old he began to teach in the public schools of his native town and continued this vocation for five years. His education was acquired at the public schools of his native place, at the Edinboro Normal school and at the Institute at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania. In 1888 he went to Mount Pleasant to live, and was employed there for three years in the general store of D. P. Lowe. In 1891 he removed to Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, and found employment. In 1892 he took up the study of medicine with Dr. J. E. Rigg, then entered the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, in the fall of 1893, from which institution he graduated in 1896. He first took up practice in Alverton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and continued there, engaged in general practice, for eight years. In April, 1904, he located at Scottdale and has established a large practice, due to his high position in the profession and also to his genial and trust-inspiring disposition. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Westmoreland County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania State Medical Association. Also a member of A. I. O. K. M., No. 342, the M. W. of A., Camp 9779, of which he is also medical examiner, Orpad Commandery of

Scottdale, of Phi Beta Pi, of which fraternity he was chairman during his college days, and of the Western Pennsylvania Alumni Association. He is also, in addition to his regular practice, medical examiner for the New York Mutual, the Equitable and the Prudential Life Insurance companies. He is a contributor to the New York Medical Journal and the Pennsylvania Medical Journal.

Dr. Gilbert married, June 12, 1887, Rebecca Brooks, daughter of George W. and Lucinda Brooks, of Fayette county. They have two children, Carl A. and Earl V. Gilbert. The family is active in church work, belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church, the doctor being class leader and active in the Sabbath school. He is the owner of a comfortable home at 100 North Chestnut street, and is one of the leading men of his town, standing at the head of his profession, commanding the sincere respect and admiration of all who come in contact with him.

W. J. BARKELL, son of William and Eliza (Piper) Barkell, was born July 16, 1849, at Cornwall, England. He received a limited education, beginning to work at the copper mines at the age of nine years, receiving the munificent sum of eight cents per day for the first year, ten cents per day for the second and twelve cents in the third year. This was for work about the offices, and at the age of twelve he went into the mines and worked for the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents per month, continuing there until he was seventeen years old, his wages increasing yearly until he was receiving twenty dollars a month. He then removed to the north of England, to a town called Cramlington, where he found employment in the coal mines and continued there or twenty-one years, during fifteen years of which time he was mine boss and fire boss combined. In 1887 he came to America and located at Scottdale, Pennsylvania, where he has since made his home. He was employed for some ten years in the sheet mill, then opened a small music store and has since given his entire attention to the business. He is an excellent musician, having taken up the study of music when a lad of fifteen years, giving attention to both string and brass instruments, and when twenty-five years old he began to teach. While at Cramlington he conducted one of the finest brass bands and directed one of the most excellent choirs in England, competing with all the famed bands and choirs of the country. For sixteen years he was director of the P. M. choir and of the Cramlington prize brass band, which company of musicians he organized, trained and perfected. Five of his former pupils have come to this country and become successful teachers of band music. Upon first coming to Scottdale he gave his entire attention for a short time to teaching music but then entered the sheet mill, thus dividing his time between music and mechanics. In his present establishment, which he opened in 1898, he handles all kinds and grades of musical instruments and musicians' supplies, and in addition a full line of kodaks, photographers' supplies, bicycles, sewing machines, and their necessary appurtenances. About the year 1892 or 1893 there appeared in the *Metronome*, a musical journal published by Carl Fischer, of New York city, a voting contest for the most popular cornetist and conductor in the United States, the contest open for six months. When the votes were counted it was found that W. J. Barkell had received the greatest number by a large margin, the votes coming from all parts of the United States and Canada. The prize he received was a cornet valued at two hundred dollars. His orchestra is in constant demand in all parts of the state, and is composed of the best talent to be found. He is a member of one of the exe-

cutive board of the American Federation of Musicians, and a member of the A. I. O. K. M., Arpad Commandery, No. 342, of Scottdale.

Mr. Barkell married, (first) in 1870, Emma J. Bell. She died in June, 1884, at the age of thirty-three, leaving six children: Eliza, living at home; Mary, wife of John R. Riebe, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Berwick, Pennsylvania; William, a telegraph operator for the Union Supply Company, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, married Bessie Moran; Robert B., a clerk for the H. C. Frick Company, Scottdale, married Esther Longenecker; George K., in the employ of the United States Express Company, Pittsburg, married Cora Myers; Emma J., died in infancy. Mr. Barkell married (second), in November, 1890, Sarah Robson, of Scottdale, a native of England. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Barkell being a member of the official board of the same. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, and is a stockholder in the Scottdale Machine and Foundry Company.

CHARLES H. JAQUETTE, son of Anthony and Mary Ann (Shaw) Jaquette, was born October 25, 1871, at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. The father, a native of Oswego, New York, died May 10, 1901, the seventieth anniversary of his birth. The mother is still living, residing with her son, Charles H. Jaquette, and is a native of Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

The grandfather of Charles H. Jaquette, Peter A. Jaquette, was a native of northern France, and son of a French duke. He married a native of southern France, and they emigrated to America and settled in New York state. Their son, Anthony Jaquette, the father of Charles H. Jaquette, was reared in New York state, but settled in Pennsylvania when a young man and married a resident of Connellsville, Mary A. Shaw. He was in the oil business, a producer in Green county, Pennsylvania, for many years, but later in life he was engaged in the tailoring business in Pittsburg and Allegheny. He accompanied Francis Murphy on his lecture tour, taking the platform as a lecturer during about three years, a strong advocate of temperance. He lived in various towns about the country for longer or shorter periods, including Scottdale, 1875-79; Mount Pleasant, 1879-82; Scottdale, 1882-83; Abilene, Texas, 1883-87; thence to Plyattsouth, Nebraska; 1892, Kansas City; then returned to Scottdale, 1897, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was a man who figured prominently in political affairs, and was the candidate for the legislature on the Independent ticket in 1882 and came within twenty votes of being elected. He was also closely identified with the labor troubles, having represented the state of Pennsylvania as arbitrator in the Lorillard labor strike, the J. P. Clark-Throd strike and others. He was a public speaker of more than ordinary ability, taking the "stump" in various campaigns, usually allied with the Republican party. He was largely instrumental in turning Westmoreland county from a Democratic stronghold to a Republican fortress. He enlisted as a private at the beginning of the Civil war in the Seventh Volunteer Infantry, West Virginia, Company E, but was mustered out on account of sickness after two years service, as second lieutenant, each step won by bravery. He was tendered a captaincy on several occasions but refused to accept the commission. After recuperating from his illness he raised a company at Morgantown, Pennsylvania, and took it to the field, then joined his old company again. He served through both battles of Antietam as well as in many of the other principal battles of the Army of the Potomac. He was a member of the Baptist church, of Free and Accepted Masons and Grand Army





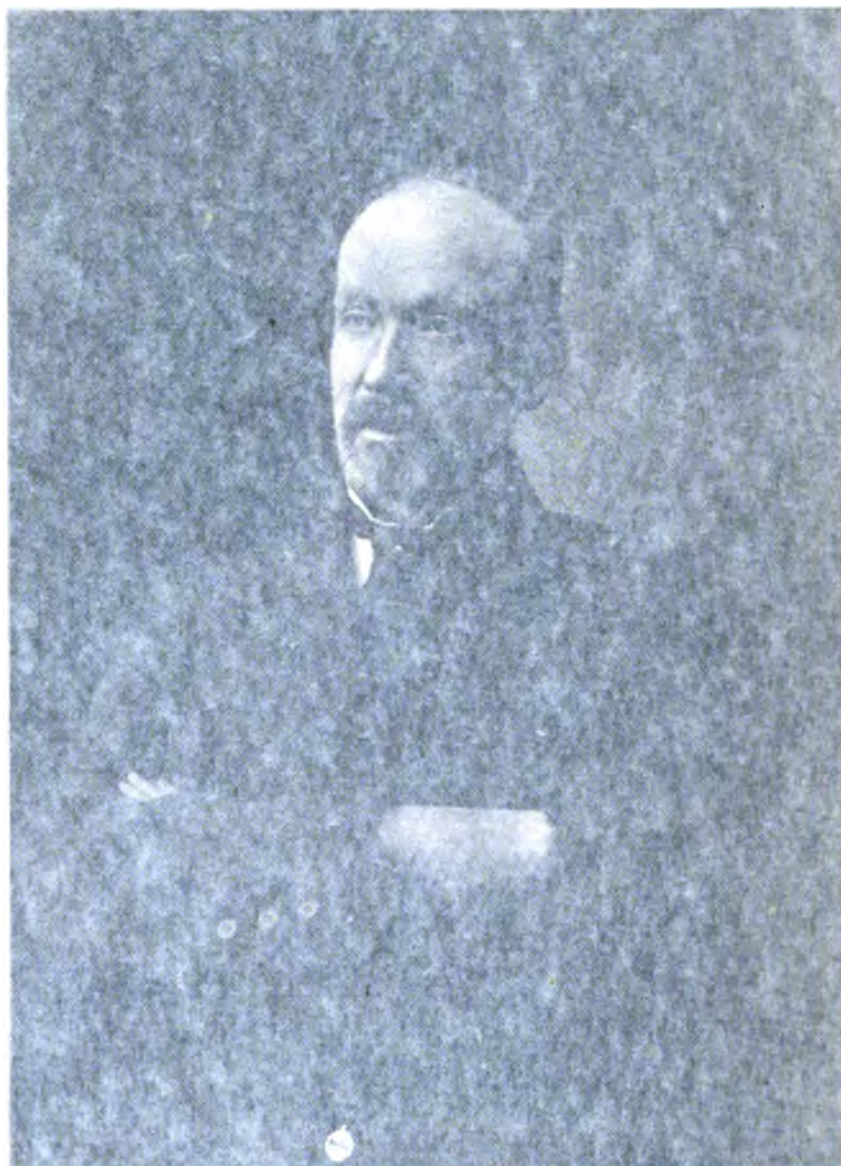
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of the Kennecott. He had a family of ten children: 1. Hannah A., died young; 2. John W., a teacher; 3. R., deceased; wife of H. C. Denton; 4. John, of Seattle; 5. William, of Seattle; 6. William A., who went to the Philippines, regulars, and served three years; 7. Philip, in Bucky O'Neal's regiment, transferred to Company A, first territorial cavalry, and then to the infantry, as corporal at the Georgia camp. He was in active service and joined the company, as a private. He was promoted to sergeant major. He retired on medical grounds, with the Twenty-seventh Infantry. Shortly after his discharge he was called into service again to leave the hospital. 8. Lucinda, wife of G. B. Eaton; 9. Benjamin E., contracting painter, and proprietor of the Angeles Cal. Hotel; 10. Charles H., of whom later, to be mentioned; 11. C. V. Leonard, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles H. Jaquette was educated in the public and Scottsdale. In 1883, when a boy of only twelve years of age, he began to learn the jeweler's art, meanwhile keeping up his studies. He was first employed at Abilene, Texas, where he spent a year. He then went to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, to fill a position with the B. and M., a branch of the C. B. and O. R. R. He remained there from 1887 to 1891, at the same time carrying on a trade in jewelry and a general stock of jewelry goods. In 1891 he sold out at Plattsmouth and found employment at his trade at the South Bend School of Optics, where he graduated in 1893. At this time he was head watchmaker for the Edward and John Jaquette Company, and for one year was manager of the firm of H. A. Jaquette and Co. of the same city. He then engaged in business on his own account, studying at the South Bend (Indiana) College of Optics, where he was located at Scottsdale, and in September of the same year he purchased an old establishment, fitting it up in the most modern and complete manner. His business he conducted until 1903, when he sold out to the Jaquette Company, with whom he was employed for a short period. On April, 1905, he purchased the stock and business of H. A. Jaquette, fitting up a most admirable establishment, and will make a specialty of watches, etc. He is a business man of the highest ability and stands high in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen, his position being wholly the result of his own untold efforts. He is a member of S. of V., Camp 125, at Elmhurst, of the military department of this society; member of Arroyos, Royal Arcanum and of the American Insurance Union. Mr. Jaquette married, May 22, 1891, Bertha May Rounds, daughter of Reuben and Francis Rounds. She is a native of Toulon, Stark county, Illinois, born August 6, 1872. They have four children, Mary Helen, Harry Anthony, George William and Charles Glenn. They are active members of the Baptist church.

ROBERT RAMSAY. Among those whose names and deeds form part of the history of Westmorland coal-mining will be remembered longer with more respect and affection than Robert Ramsay, for many years an ardent citizen of Shafton, and afterward of Harrogate and of Mount Pleasant. The grandfather of Robert Ramsay was a coal-petitioner, winning nine



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of the Republic. He had a family of ten children: 1. Mary Eva, died young. 2. Hannah M., died young. 3. John W., a resident of Butte, Montana. 4. Minnie R., deceased wife of H. C. Deitterich. 5. Alice, wife of George B. Mellinger, of Scottdale. 6. William A., who went to the Philippines with Company K, Fifth Regulars, and served three years. He enlisted first with the Rough Riders, in Bucky O'Neal's regiment from Phoenix, Arizona, and was transferred to Company A, first territorial Big Four, United States Volunteer Infantry, as corporal at the Georgia camp. He was then mustered out of volunteer service and joined the company, as a private, going to the Philippines, and was mustered out as sergeant major. He returned to America but almost immediately re-enlisted, with the Twenty-seventh Regulars. Being an exceptionally fine penman, he was called into service at headquarters, but refused to leave the boys. 7. Lucinda, wife of G. B. Hitchman, of Mount Pleasant. 8. Benjamin F., contracting painter, and proprietor of a tourists' house, Los Angeles, California. 9. Charles H., of whom later. 10. Sarah Elizabeth, wife of C. V. Leonard, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles H. Jaquette was educated in the public schools of Mount Pleasant and Scottdale. In 1883, when a boy of only twelve years, he began to learn the jeweler's art, meanwhile keeping up his studies at night. He was first employed at Abilene, Texas, where he spent four years, then went to Kansas City and spent five years more, fitting himself for his chosen work. He then went to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, to fill a position as watch inspector for the B. and M., a branch of the C. B. and Q. R. R. This position he filled from 1887 to 1891, at the same time carrying on a private business, handling a general stock of jewelry goods. In 1891 he sold out and went to Kansas City and found employment at his trade, at the same time taking a course at the Kansas City School of Optics, whence he graduated. For three years of this time he was head watchmaker for the Edwards and Sloan Manufacturing Company, and for one year was manager of the Emory Bird Thayer Company of the same city. He then engaged in business on his own account, meanwhile studying at the South Bend (Indiana) College of Optics. In January, 1897, he located at Scottdale, and in September of the same year opened a fine jewelry establishment, fitting it up in the most modern and elaborate manner. This business he conducted until 1903, when he sold out to the J. S. Parker Company, with whom he was employed for a little more than a year. In April, 1905, he purchased the stock and business of J. A. Bobbs, where he is fitting up a most admirable establishment, and will make a specialty of optics, etc. He is a business man of the highest ability and stands high in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen, his position being wholly the result of his own unaided efforts. He is a member of S. of V., Camp 125, and is captain of the military department of this society; member of Americus, Royal Arcanum and of the American Insurance Union. Mr. Jaquette married, May 22, 1891, Bertha May Rounds, daughter of Reuben and Francis Rounds. She is a native of Toulon, Stark county, Illinois, born August 6, 1872. They have four children: Mary Helen, Harry Anthony, George William and Charles Glenn. They are active members of the Baptist church.

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The grandfather of Robert Ramsay was a coal operator, owning mines

near Dunfermline, Scotland, in the early days of the Scotch coal mining industry. William Ramsay (father), a native of Scotland, was a miner, and in 1852 emigrated to the United States, but after remaining here four years returned to the land of his birth. In 1863, however, he came a second time to this country and made his home at Larimer, in this county. His wife was Elizabeth Sharp, also a native of Scotland, and they had a son Robert, mentioned hereafter. The death of Mr. Ramsay occurred April 16, 1885, and that of his widow August 13, 1889. Both are buried in the Union cemetery at Shafton.

Robert Ramsay, son of William and Elizabeth (Sharp) Ramsay, was born October 28, 1840, sixteen miles northwest of Edinburg, near Dunfermline, county of Fife, Scotland. At an early age he gave promise of engineering ability, and embraced every opportunity of fitting himself for that profession. At the age of twenty-three he and his wife came with his parents to the United States, and he worked at the machinist's trade in Pittsburg, afterward being employed in the coal mines on the Monongahela river. In 1865 he went to Shafton, where he became mining engineer for the Shafton Coal Company. His services were so satisfactory that in 1870 he was given general charge of the operations by being advanced to the position of superintendent of the company, which position he held for eleven years. He then became associated with Messrs. Andrew and Thomas M. Carnegie, also natives of Dunfermline, Scotland, by serving as superintendent and engineer at the Monastery mines and coke works of the Carnegie Company until 1883, when he moved to Mount Pleasant to be more centrally located and to take general charge of the mines of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, into which company the Carnegie Company's coal and coke properties had previously been merged. Then followed a long and close connection with Messrs. H. C. Frick and Thomas Lynch in the management of the vast Frick interests. This position he retained until 1888, when he became general consulting engineer of the entire company and superintendent of the Standard mines and coke works, at that time the largest and most complete plant of its kind in the world. He had a very original mind and a strong natural bent toward things mechanical, as is evidenced by the many new mechanical devices which he invented and introduced in and about the mines. In 1886 he built the new Standard shaft, which has held the world's record for large outputs and is considered by the best authorities the finest shaft in the country, his genius being especially manifest in the beauty and simplicity of the design. This plant has been the subject of many articles in technical and scientific journals from mining men the world over. He also engineered and superintended the erection of the Mount Pleasant water works and many other improvements made in the Connellsville coke region by the Carnegie-Frick interests. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Ramsay married, January 4, 1861, Janet, daughter of William and Margaret (White) Erskine, of Elgin colliery, near Dunfermline, and they had children: William, Erskine, Robert, Morris R., John A., Charles S., Andrew C., George S., Margaret, Elizabeth, Janet and Mary Stuart. The sons, as they grew up, gave evidence of having inherited their father's tastes with no small portion of his ability. The eldest son William is an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad. Erskine is a mining and mechanical engineer, banker, coal and coke operator and iron manufacturer at Birmingham, Alabama. He was also chief engineer and assistant general manager of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company at Birmingham, Alabama, some fourteen years. Robert is a mining engineer and superintendent for the H. C. Frick Coke Com-

pany at United, Pennsylvania. Morris R. is a mining engineer and coal operator at Birmingham, Alabama. John A. is a superintendent for the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania. Charles S. has charge of engineering and construction work for his brother, Erskine, at Birmingham, Alabama. Andrew C. is studying mining engineering at Lehigh University. George S. has only recently finished school and is engaged in engineering work. In the spring of 1898 Mr. Ramsay sustained an attack of grip, from which he never fully recovered. In May, 1899, he set out to visit his birth-place in search of health, but before reaching there was prostrated with anæmia at East Kilbride, Scotland. His death occurred August 11, 1899, his wife, his daughters, Elizabeth and Janet, and his sons, William and Erskine, being with him at the time. His remains were brought to this country and funeral services were held at his late residence in Mount Pleasant. He was buried in Union cemetery near Shafton, August 26, 1899. Mr. Ramsay was recognized as having no superior as a mining and mechanical engineer in this country. He was a man whose intellectual force, indomitable energy and blameless character have built for him a monument of respect and love in the hearts of all who knew him. It can truly be said of him that his works follow him. The mechanical and mining genius characteristic of Mr. Ramsay was shared by his three brothers. Morris Ramsay, at the time of his death, in 1892, was general manager of the Southwest Coal and Coke Company at Mount Pleasant, and had formerly been chief engineer of the entire H. C. Frick Coke Company. William S. Ramsay is superintendent for the H. C. Frick Coke Company at the Morewood mines near Mount Pleasant. George S. Ramsay is general superintendent and chief engineer of the Shawmut Coal Company at St. Marys, Elk county, Pennsylvania, he having previously held the same position for the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, of Colorado. His wife with the children remaining at home now live at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES L. HOLTZER, son of William and Leah (Zeis) Holtzer, is a native of Westmoreland county, born August 27, 1863, just east of Greensburg. His father, William Holtzer, was born and spent his life in Westmoreland county. He was a farmer, and a man well and favorably known throughout that district. He was an active member of the Lutheran church. His father was Frederick Holtzer. William Holtzer died in February, 1898, at the age of seventy-nine years. His widow is still living, a resident of Delmont, Pennsylvania. Their family numbered eight children: William, deceased; Robert, deceased; Emma, wife of J. R. Klinginsmith, of Greensburg; Jacob H., a resident of Delmont, Pennsylvania; Charles L., of whom later; Sadie E., wife of John Watters, of Pitcairn, Pennsylvania; Maggie, wife of Weddle Martz, of Delmont; Theodore E., of Youngwood, married Catherine Luce, of Pittsburg.

Charles L. Holtzer was reared on the farm and attended the public schools of his native place. In 1888 he went into the roofing business on his own account, at Delmont, and continued at that for five years. He then engaged as a salesman for a sewing machine business at Greensburg, which position he retained for five years. He then located at Scottdale and opened a music store and sewing machine establishment, May 2, 1898, and this business he is conducting at the present time. He has a full line of musical instruments of all descriptions, sheet music, etc. He assumed the agency for the United States Express Company at Scottdale, April 8, 1904. Mr. Holtzer married, October

11, 1891. Alice Smith, daughter of O. P. and Mary Smith, of Westmoreland county. Mr. and Mrs. Holtzer are members of the Lutheran church, he being ordained a deacon in 1903. He is also a member of the Maccabees.

FRED M. LEWELLYN, son of Charles and Christina (Protzman) Lewellyn, was born March 18, 1871, at Morgantown, West Virginia. His father, Charles Lewellyn (deceased), born near the Laurel Iron Works, West Virginia, was a farmer and also a cabinet maker.

Fred M. Lewellyn attended the public schools of his native place, but at an early age began the trade of cabinet-making with Price Brothers, Morgantown, with whom he also learned the business of painting. He continued with this firm until 1889, when he located at Scottdale. He then, with a partner, opened a painting and decorating business, under the firm title of Lewellyn and Keister, with an establishment at 602 North Broadway. This firm existed until 1896, when Mr. Keister withdrew, and the entire charge of the business was assumed by Mr. Lewellyn. At that time the business of the firm was confined to contract painting and decorating in Scottdale and vicinity, but when Mr. Lewellyn took charge of it he put in a large line of paints, varnishes, picture mouldings, etc., in addition to the former business. In August, 1898, he removed to his present location, 219 Pittsburg street, and enlarged the business in all branches, putting in a stock of wall paper, and adding other art lines. The establishment has constantly grown until it would be a credit to a place of much larger size than Scottdale. The business is divided into two distinct lines, the painting and decorating department, where he employs from eight to ten men, and the art department, which latter includes books, stationery, holiday goods, toys, etc. He devotes his entire time and attention to the business, and is one of the most prominent young business men of the borough. He married, in June, 1892, Ella Strickler, daughter of Wilson (deceased) and Jennie Strickler. They have one child, Charles A. Lewellyn.

JOHN L. HOWARD, son of Cornelius and Sarah (Wolf) Howard, was born December 9, 1863, in Preston county, West Virginia. On the paternal side he is of Scotch, English and German blood, and on the maternal side of German blood. The Howards came to this country many generations ago and settled in Delaware, whence they scattered to West Virginia and Pennsylvania and then farther west.

John Howard, the grandfather of John L. Howard, was born in Delaware, but went to what is now West Virginia, then Virginia, and was a member of the legislature formed to secede from the parent state and become a distinct member of the Union. He was a man who took a deep interest in political affairs and was a strong Republican. He held many offices, and was active in business affairs, engaged in farming, the hotel business and various other enterprises, always successfully. His farms were operated largely by his sons, while he attended to his other interests. His children were: John W., painter and glazier, of Indianola, Iowa; Thomas D., who died about 1891, a dealer and manufacturer in lumber at Grafton, West Virginia; Claus, carpenter, of Oklahoma; Cornelius, father of John L. Howard, is a farmer and resides near Newberry, West Virginia; Susan, deceased, was the wife of James R. Smoot, Newberry; Martha, deceased, was the wife of John Powell, Newberry. Cornelius Howard, son of John Howard and father of John L. Howard, has spent the latter part of his life on the farm near Newberry, but was formerly in a mercantile line. During the Civil war he served the Union cause, in the West

Virginia Cavalry, and was mustered out at the close of the war as commissary sergeant. For the past forty years he has been an active member of the Methodist Protestant church. He has three children: John L., of whom later; Senie, widow of John B. Fram, of Concord, Nebraska; James E., tool dresser, of Smithfield, West Virginia.

John L. Howard attended the public schools until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he entered a general store at Burton, West Virginia, that had a postoffice and railroad office attached. He performed duties as a clerk for eight months, then went to Tumelton, West Virginia, in the capacity of a clerk, his duties being in connection with the post and railroad offices. He continued there for five years, then for eight months was connected with the Montana Coal and Coke Company, Montana, West Virginia, as a clerk in the company store. He then formed a partnership with J. R. Smoot and J. N. Bentley, under the firm name of Smoot, Bentley and Company, and established a general store at Ten Mile, West Virginia, also handled lumber, etc. They did business for five years, then dissolved, and Mr. Howard became manager of company stores at Camden and Gauley, West Virginia. He was employed thus for eight months, and then was forced by sickness to abandon the position. After recovering he formed a partnership with John Calvert, and entered the mercantile business at Smithfield, doing business under the firm name of Howard and Calvert. After five years they sold out, and Mr. Howard located at Scottdale. He purchased the business of F. W. Wright, April 27, 1904, situated at the corner of Pittsburg and Chestnut streets. He carries a full line of dry goods, notions, millinery, etc., occupying two floors. His establishment is one of the most attractive and modern in this vicinity. He is a member of Independent Order Odd Fellows, Oral Lodge, No. 20, of Newberry, West Virginia; Damon Lodge, No. 5, Knights of Pythias, of Newberry; Wetzell Lodge, No. 39, Free and Accepted Masons, at New Martinsville, West Virginia, and of Clarksbury Commandery, No. 13, Knight Templars and Adaniram Chapter, No. 11. He married, November 11, 1893, Susie Blue, of Grafton, daughter of John W. and Mary Blue. They have one son, Walter Howard. Mr. Howard is a member of the Methodist Protestant church, and his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JONAS M. KENNEL was born January 21, 1867, at Champion, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, son of Jacob H. and Mary (Miller) Kennel. The mother is still living, but the father died, March 21, 1900. He was a son of Solomon and Rebecca (Hoyman) Kennel, both of whom were natives of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and of German parentage. Jacob H. Kennel was a native of Somerset county, a farmer, and during the latter part of his life a stockdealer. His life was spent in Fayette county from the time he was fifteen years of age. His farm was eighty-six acres in extent. He was the father of the following children: Jonas M., of whom later; Norman, of Scottdale, a grocer; Wilford, died in September, 1903, was a grocer of Scottdale; Simon of Champion, Pennsylvania, farmer and miller; Charles, of Donegal township, farmer; William, of Scottdale, mill worker.

Jonas M. Kennel was brought up to farm life and received his education in the public schools. In 1890 he engaged in the grocer business at the Dexter Coke works, Fayette county, and remained there for three years. He then located at Scottdale and started in business in company with J. C. Kennel, under the firm title of Kinnel and Kennel. This firm existed for about two years; then J. C. Kennel withdrew and was succeeded by O. D. Weimer and

the business was carried on under the name of Weimer and Kennel. Mr. Weimer was succeeded by Wilford Kennel, and the firm name became J. M. Kennel and Bro., which name existed two years. Jonas M. Kennel then sold his interest to his brother and removed to Kifertown, where he bought the old Hickey stand and conducted that business for some four years. At the end of that time he sold out and purchased the old homestead of his father in Saltley township, Fayette county. He operated the farm about one year, and then entered the employ of the Union Supply Company and was employed at Davidson, Summitt and Hazelett during about one year. He then purchased his present establishment and has continued there since, engaged in the grocery business and also dealing in tinware, flour and feed. He has built up a large business by his practical and honorable methods. He is a stockholder in the Iron Company of America, located at Roanoke, Virginia, and is the owner of four valuable properties, three of them dwelling houses in the borough of Scottdale. He is truly that noble American type, a self-made man, for he started at the bottom with nothing but a large stock of pluck and energy. While yet in his boyhood he purchased his time of his father by giving him one-half of his earnings, continuing this until he was twenty-one years old. During this time he saved of his share of his earnings seven hundred dollars. With this as a basis, he began his successful business career at the age of twenty-one. In politics his sympathies are Democratic. He is a member of Royal Arcanum, Woodmen of the World, Modern Woodmen and the Eagles. Mr. Kennel married, in June, 1891, Kate Dixon, daughter of Andrew and Barbara (Stauffer) Dixon, a native of Fayette county. Seven children: Grace, Mary, Ray, Edna, Annie, Catherine (deceased), and Ruth Kennel. They are members of the United Brethren church.

JACOB E. WINEMAN, controlling important business interests in Youngwood, Greensburg and other parts of Westmoreland county, was born in Hempfield township, December 31, 1868, a son of Andrew and Caroline (Rugh) Wineman. His father was born in Germany, and was a son of John George and Catherine Wineman who came to the United States from Wurttemberg, Germany, when their son Andrew was an infant, settling in Hempfield township. While they made two removals at later dates they continued residents of that township. There Andrew Wineman was reared. He learned the trade of cabinet making when nearly all furniture was made by hand, and he made many coffins used in that early day. Later, however, he withdrew from the trade and following his marriage located on the home farm near Youngwood, where he resided up to the time of his death. There his widow still makes her home. Much of the furniture in their home was made by him, and the first cook stove, which he bought at the time of their marriage, is still in use. Mr. Wineman died February 24, 1904, in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which he had long been a member. His political support was given the Republican party. His family are also connected with the Lutheran church. He had ten children, eight of whom are living: Anna M., wife of A. F. Bortz, a hardware merchant of Greensburg; Lizzie A., wife of H. M. Zundel, of Greensburg; Mary J., at home; Jacob E.; Gustavus A., a furniture merchant of Greensburg; Charlotte A., wife of Harry Truxell, of Youngwood; William H., who is working for his brother Jacob; and George F., who is also working in the meat market at Greensburg.

Jacob E. Wineman, having acquired his education in the common schools, entered business life at the age of sixteen years by buying and selling cattle.



He seemed to have a natural aptitude for the business and became an expert buyer, so that he was enabled to realize a handsome profit from his investment. In 1891 he decided to open a meat market but, having worked for the firm of Bortz and Bierer, of Greensburg, he was persuaded by them to enter into a partnership and opened a branch shop on Mill street, Greensburg, the main shop being located on Pittsburg street. The same year Mr. Bierer withdrew from the firm, and Mr. Wineman and Mr. Bortz continued the business. In 1899 Mr. Wineman purchased his present farm of one hundred acres in Hempfield township and removed to his new home the same spring. When the town of Youngwood was laid out he opened a butcher shop, and the firm are now conducting markets in Greensburg and Youngwood, carrying on an extensive business as dealers in meats. Mr. Wineman is a man of much business resource and ability. He has made judicious investment in property, owning real estate in both boroughs as well as his farm. He was also one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Youngwood, and is now serving as one of its directors. He was also one of the organizers and the treasurer of the Youngwood Building and Loan Association, and he is a director of the Westmoreland county Agricultural Association, which has been his connection therewith since its organization sixteen years ago. He was married, September 13, 1893, to Rebecca Bierer, a daughter of Amos Bierer, of Greensburg. They have become the parents of five children: Andrew, Amos, Mary R., John and Catherine, all of whom are yet living with the exception of the second. In his political views Mr. Wineman is a Republican. He belongs to the Lutheran church, in which he served as deacon for many years, and in matters relating to the welfare and improvement of the county he is deeply and actively interested, while in his business affairs he displays the enterprise, energy and adaptability that characterize the typical American citizen.

B. R. SMITH, M. D. Among the pioneer settlers of Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, was numbered Samuel Smith, who was one of the first to locate in the Quaker settlement there who was not a believer in that religious sect. He purchased his farm from one of the original members of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, and for many years carried on agricultural pursuits.

Cyrus Smith, son of Samuel Smith, was reared in Sewickley township on the farm which his father purchased, and in early life adopted carpentering as his chosen occupation. He has since worked as a builder, and for many years has resided in or near Irwin. He served for three years as a defender in the Union cause in the Civil war, and then took up his abode in the locality which has since been his home. He holds membership with the Grand Army of the Republic. He married Esthier Biggs, and their children are: Edward, a business man of Irwin; Samuel, living in McKeesport; and B. R., of whom later.

Dr. B. R. Smith was born near Irwin, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1869. He spent his boyhood days under the parental roof, and acquired his education in the Irwin schools. When sixteen years of age he entered the H. K. Porter Locomotive Works, where he served an apprenticeship of three and a half years and later he was employed as a journeyman machinist in the Westinghouse plant, at Wilmerding, Pennsylvania, for two years. It was while there that he entered upon the study of medicine preparatory to making its practice his life work, and during the summer vacations of his college course he continued to work at his trade. He began the study of medicine in 1891, reading under the direction of S. E. Mowry, of Wilmerding, and in the fall of that same year

he was enrolled in the University of the City of New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895, being one of the honor men of the class. Following his graduation he located in Irwin, Pennsylvania and for some time was associated in practice with Drs. C. E. and W. H. Taylor. Later he took charge for a short time of the practice of his former preceptor, Dr. Mowry, who was then ill, and in the fall of 1896 came to Jeannette, where in intervening years he has built up a large and enviable practice. He is a member of the county and state medical societies and the national medical association, and is one of the well known practitioners of Jeannette. Fraternally Dr. Smith is connected with Jeannette Lodge, No. 486, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was one of the organizers. In politics he is a Republican, actively working in the ranks of the party for its growth and success.

**EDWARD ALVIN MYERS.** The Myers family, to which Edward Alvin Myers belongs, is of German descent. The grandfather emigrated from Germany to the new world and settled in Westmoreland county, where he purchased a farm lying in Penn township, near the present borough of Jeannette. This property was later inherited by his sons, Solomon and John.

Solomon Myers was born in Penn township, about 1838, and upon the old homestead spent the days of his boyhood and youth and continued to reside there until 1900, when he sold the property to his son John, and has since been making his home among his children. He has always voted with the Democracy, but has never been an aspirant for office. He belongs to the Lutheran church, and for many years served as one of its officials. He married Hattie E. Schrum, who died in 1891 at the age of fifty-one years. Their family numbered eleven children, of whom nine are yet living: Amos A. J., resides at Penn Station; Morris W., a carpenter of Jeannette; Jacob E., a lumber merchant at Penn Station; Zachariah, a carpenter at Penn Station; Jennie M., wife of Aaron Mowery, of Lima, Ohio; Rev. Solomon D., a minister of the Lutheran church, at Vandalia, Illinois; John S., living on the old homestead farm; and Charles C., employed by Edward A. Myers, the youngest member of the family.

Edward Alvin Myers was born in Penn township, January 18, 1874, and no event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him in his boyhood days. After completing a common school course of study he entered the Greensburg Seminary, and at seventeen years of age began his business career as a clerk in the grocery store of Hess Brothers, at Jeannette. He served in that capacity for four years, when, in recognition of his ability and fidelity, he was made manager of the business and remained in that position for two years, and September 1, 1897, with the capital acquired from his industry and economy, he established a store of his own. His straightforward business methods and earnest desire to please his patrons soon secured him a liberal patronage, and after seven years his store is to-day one of the largest and best of the kind to be found outside of the principal cities. Mr. Myers gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party when national questions are involved, but at local elections votes independently. He belongs to the Improved Order of Heptasophs, and to the Lutheran church. He married, June 7, 1898, Lillian Grove, a daughter of Jacob Grove, of Jeannette. They have one son, Earl G., and a daughter, Catharine Arlile, born January 10, 1906.

**WILLIAM F. EUWER** is a representative of varied and important business interests in Jeannette. He was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1870, his parents being Matthew G. and Elizabeth (Logan)





*C. E. Mullin*

Euwer. His father was born in New Texas, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and when seventeen years of age began teaching school, which profession he followed for three years, and then accepted a position in a store in Allegheny City. Later he engaged in business on his own account, but met with failure in the widespread financial panic of 1873, when so many business men went down. He afterward accepted a clerkship, and thus worked until he had satisfied his creditors. He then engaged in business for himself at Parnassus, where he remained for six years. Later he transferred his business to Verona, where he remained up to the time of his retirement from business life. He then again took up his abode in Parnassus, where he is now living retired. He belongs to the Reformed Presbyterian church, in which he has served as elder for many years. To him and his wife were born seven children, of whom five are yet living: Norman L., Bertha S., Theodosia H., Nancy C. and William F.

William F. Euwer having mastered the elementary branches of learning, taught in the common schools; he continued his education in Parnassus Academy, and at the age of sixteen years entered the store of the firm of Arthur & Showdelmyer, at Allegheny City, as an errand boy. He was later made clerk, having charge of one counter, and subsequently was advanced to a general clerkship, continuing in the store for about three years, when he resigned and accepted a position with his father in Verona. After two years he became a stockholder in the firm. In 1897 he severed his connection with that house, removed to Jeannette, and in partnership with George Whitmyer, purchased the furniture and carpet business of E. G. Euwer. The firm style of Euwer & Company has since been maintained, and the business has steadily grown until they now carry a large stock of goods and enjoy a constantly increasing and profitable patronage. He has other business aside from merchandising, being one of the directors in the Jeannette National Bank, the president of the Jeannette Oil and Gas Company, and the treasurer of the Jeannette and West Newton Street Railway Company. Mr. Euwer is a Republican, whose patriotism is stronger than his partisanship. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as a trustee. He also holds membership with the Improved Order of Heptasophs and with the Maccabees. He is regarded as one of the progressive business men of Jeannette, having the ability of quickly discerning a good business opportunity and taking advantage thereof. His enterprise and energy have been the dominant factors in his success, and his position as one of the substantial citizens of the county is attributable entirely to his own efforts. Mr. Euwer married in 1894, Alice Whitmyer, a daughter of George Whitmyer, of Oakmont, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and they have three children: Margaret E., Paul, and Virginia.

C. E. MULLIN. A well-known name in the financial circles of Mount Pleasant is that of C. E. Mullin. The parents of Mr. Mullin were William D. and Mary A. (Shupe) Mullin. The former died in 1890, and the latter resides in Mount Pleasant.

C. E. Mullin was born March 8, 1861, in Mount Pleasant, where he received his primary education in the public schools and afterward attended the Mount Pleasant Institute, graduating in 1882. Prior to this, though in the same year, he graduated from the Iron City Business College. After completing his education he engaged for a time in the grocery business in Mount Pleasant, and later went into the dry goods business under the firm name of The C. E. Mullin Company. Subsequently he closed the business, and in June, 1895, became cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank.

This institution was incorporated in 1893, and carries on an extensive business, both foreign and domestic. Mr. Mullin has held the position of cashier continuously for the last ten years and still retains the office.

He was one of the promoters of the Mount Pleasant Tool Company, and is now a member of the official board of that institution. He was one of the organizers of the East Pittsburg National Bank, at Wilmerding, Pennsylvania, and now belongs to the board of directors. He is a stockholder in different financial institutions of Pittsburg, in the First National Bank of Irwin, in the First National Bank of Jeannette, and in various concerns at Greensburg. He has been a director in the Citizens' Building & Loan Association of Mount Pleasant since its organization. In 1902 he formed a partnership with W. A. Kalp under the firm name of Kalp & Mullin, and together they purchased the "James Neal farm," which was situated within the limits of the borough of Mount Pleasant. This estate, which consisted of ninety acres, they laid out in town lots, disposing of them by sale. Mr. Mullin is the owner and manager of several farms in different parts of the county. He is a member of Marion Lodge, No. 562, F. and A. M., of Scottsdale, Greensburg Chapter, Greensburg Commandery, K. T., Valley Consistory, No. 320, of Pittsburg, the Heptasophs and Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the United Brethren church, and has been for years connected with the official board.

Mr. Mullin married, October 18, 1894, Lulu M., daughter of W. H. Evans, of the vicinity of New Stanton, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of the following children: Charles E., Paul E., William D., Mary Genevieve, and Edward E. The mother of these children died October 2, 1901, and Mr. Mullin married, March 24, 1903, Mrs. Sallie (Woodward) Shields, daughter of Joseph Woodward, of Columbia, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Mullin have one child, Emily Agnes.

**WILLIAM FRANKLIN MORRISON.** The family of which William Franklin Morrison is a representative is one well known throughout Westmoreland county. Charles E. Morrison, the father of Mr. Morrison, was born in 1830, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and from 1860 to 1863 engaged in mercantile business in Mount Pleasant township. He established a branch store at Ruffsedale in 1863, and for several years conducted the two. He then went to Donegal where he engaged in the same line of business with his brother, Dr. Morrison, subsequently moving to Port Royal. In consequence of failing health he withdrew for a time from business and retired to his farm, afterward returning for a few years to commercial life. He was active in local politics and held several township offices. He was one of the charter members of the Mount Pleasant council of the R. A., and belonged to the K. P. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church.

Charles E. Morrison married Sarah E., daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Corer) Hays. The former was a native of Westmoreland county, and spent his life in Mount Pleasant township with the exception of a few years passed in East Huntingdon township. His farm consisted of two hundred and fifty-eight acres. He was county commissioner in 1853-54-55, and later served as poor director. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. He and his wife were the parents of children: Sarah E., married Charles E. Morrison, as mentioned above; Kate and Mollie, died unmarried; Lucinda, married C. R. Booker; Susan, married Anthony Leightey; a daughter died in childhood; Abraham was killed in one of the battles of the Civil war; John; Peter; and Israel, an attorney-at-law, died in Pittsburg. Mr. Hays lived to the advanced age of

ninety-three. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison had children: Della, married John A. Ray, of Pittsburg, president of the Burgettstown National Bank, and of the First National Bank, of Hickory, Washington county, Pa., who is also agent and real estate manager for the Pittsburg and Buffalo Coal Company; Charles Oscar, machinist in the Armor Steel Plate works, at Homestead, Pa.; and William Franklin, of whom later. Mr. Morrison died in 1885, in Ruffsedale where he had resided for a year previous to that event.

William Franklin Morrison, son of Charles E. and Sarah E. (Hays) Morrison, was born December 8, 1863, at Weaver's Old Stand, Mount Pleasant township, and was educated in the public schools and at Duff's Business College from which he graduated April 24, 1882. He then became his father's assistant in the latter's business, and continued to serve in that capacity until the death of the elder Mr. Morrison, when he closed the business and went to Johnstown. After remaining there one year as clerk he returned to his old home and entered the service of the United Coal and Coke Company, as book-keeper, but at the end of a year resigned in order to take a position as chief clerk and manager with the J. D. Boyd Coal Company, at Uniontown, Fayette county. This position he retained for nearly ten years when he resigned in order to enter the service of the Armor Beef Company, also at Uniontown. After remaining with them one year he tendered his resignation, accepting the position of secretary and treasurer with the Thompson Glass Company, of Uniontown, and continued to discharge the duties of his office for three years. He then went to Mount Pleasant where he engaged as district manager with the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York. He has had an eventful political career. In 1886 he was elected a member of the town council, and in 1888 was re-elected in Uniontown. He was chosen to serve on the board of education at Mount Pleasant in 1902, the same year was elected president of the board, and in 1905 was re-elected. He has been active in both local and state politics since 1887, and in 1902 was elected to the state legislature, being re-elected in 1904. During his first term he served on the committee of ways and means, law and order, mines and mining, iron and coal and manufactures. He is now serving his second term, and is chairman of the committee on manufactures, and secretary of the committee on mines and mining. He also belongs to the committee on law and order, iron and coal, pensions and gratuities and insurance. He is identified with the following fraternal orders: Fayette Lodge, No. 228, F. and A. M.; Uniontown Chapter No. 165; Uniontown Commandery, No. 49; Pittsburg Consistory; Syria Temple, Pittsburg; Olivett Council, Greensburg.

Mr. Morrison married (first) in 1884, Anna B. Weineman, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. In 1890 she lost her life through the explosion of a lamp which ignited her clothing, and burned her so badly she died the next morning. Their children were: 1. Charles Clyde, graduate from the Mount Pleasant High school, and then took a two years' course at Bucknell. He is now a student in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania. 2. Verna Mabel was drowned while in bathing in the Allegheny river, near Summer Camp, at Godfrey, Pennsylvania, on the afternoon of August 19, 1905. The accident was caused by stepping into a deep sinkhole, the presence of which was unknown to the bathers. She lost her footing and was carried down to her death. Her body was recovered twenty minutes later, and medical skill exhausted in an effort to save her life, but too late, the silver cord had been broken. Miss Morrison was twenty years of age and had graduated at the Greensburg High school with honors in June, 1905, about thirty days before her untimely departure. She

was an exceedingly bright and amiable young lady with a large circle of friends who most sincerely mourn her death. Mr. Morrison married (second), April 1892, Sarah R., daughter of Dr. B. A. Pichtner, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

ALBERT B. STAUFFER, son of Henry W. and Mary C. (Booker) Stauffer, was born November 4, 1871, in Tyron township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. The great-grandfather of Albert B. Stauffer, Martin Stauffer, lived for a number of years at Eveston, following agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the Mennonite church. He had three children: Sarah, wife of Samuel Heuth; John T., the grandfather of Albert B. Stauffer; and Abram D. John T. Stauffer lived and died in Westmoreland county. In early life he was a farmer, but later entered the baker's business and was the pioneer of that industry in Westmoreland county. For some years he operated from twenty to thirty ovens near what is now called Stauffer Station. Politically he was a Republican, and held the office of constable for several terms. He was a member of the N. B. church. He died in 1900, at Mount Pleasant, his home for the last few years of his life. His children were: Henry W., David, Mary, wife of John Swain; Elizabeth, wife of Young Yetters; Martha, Catherine, wife of Benjamin Kouchenour; Joseph, James, Frank, Belle and Mead. Henry W. Stauffer was born and reared in Westmoreland county and followed farming and butchering for a number of years. During the last few years he has partially retired from active business. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has filled most of the offices. His children are: Alice, wife of Albert Herbert Martin, a butcher, of Scottdale; Charles W.; Susan, wife of James Murphy; Elizabeth, wife of Hugo Wessing; Albert B., of whom later; Lucy; Laura, wife of John Beswick Rebecca; Emma; John T.

Albert B. Stauffer was reared and educated in his native place, attending the public schools until he reached the age of eighteen, then entering a rolling mill at Scottdale and continuing there for some six years. He then entered the butcher business and has continued at it since. He is the proprietor of perhaps the finest market in that section of the state, a market supplied with all the latest and improved machinery for working up the meats and stocked with the highest grades of fresh and canned meats. He slaughters all his own meats, and markets his produce in Scottdale and its vicinity. He is successor to his brother, C. W. Stauffer, in the business, having taken charge of it May 24, 1904. He is one of the best-known men of Scottdale, and is a member of the Eagles. His wife, Cazie, daughter of Daniel Fritz, died in 1902, at the age of twenty-four, leaving two children, Lulu Marie and Mary Frances Stauffer.

SMITH BUTTERMORE, son of P. M. and Eliza J. (Thorndell) Buttermore, was born February 7, 1880, at New Haven, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. On the paternal side the family is of German and Scotch descent, and on the maternal side of English descent. The parents of Smith are both living, the father being a blacksmith of New Haven. The grandfather, George Buttermore, was a farmer but gave most of his attention to teaming on a route between Baltimore, Connellsville and Pittsburgh.

Smith Buttermore was reared in his native town and educated in the public schools. In 1900 he went into business at Dawson, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He established the first bakery in that place, and remained in business there until June, 1904. He sold out and located at Scottdale, where he succeeded to the bakery business of W. H. Ellis, September, 1904, the oldest



establishment of its kind in Scottdale, it having been established by J. C. Anawalt in 1882. At the death of Mr. Anawalt his son conducted the business until Mr. Ellis took charge of it in 1902. He in turn sold it to Mr. Buttermore, who has continued there since. In addition to a large bakery business he has an ice cream manufactory, and in both branches of his trade has been very successful. His establishment is one of the leading concerns of this part of the county, the business covering a radius of some six miles about Scottdale. He is one of the most prominent men of the borough and is active in politics, his sympathies being Democratic. While at Dawson he was a member of the central committee. Mr. Buttermore married, April 25, 1900, Cora Edwards, daughter of Roland and Margaret Edwards, of Councilsville. Mr. Edwards established the first bakery at that place. They have one child, Mildred Buttermore. They are members of the Presbyterian Church at Scottdale. Mr. Buttermore is a member of Royal Arcanum, A. I. O. K. M., Omar Commandery, No. 330, of Dawson, of the Eagles and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

ALEXANDER FLEMING was born October 27, 1872, in Airdry, Scotland, son of John and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Fleming. The family sailed to America in 1874 and located at Port Washington, Ohio, where the father was employed as superintendent of the blast furnaces. He was superintendent of various furnaces in Ohio, then removed to Pennsylvania, about 1881, settling in Mifflin county, later in Huntingdon county, where he was engaged as superintendent of a furnace, thence going to Wampum, Lawrence county, and then returned to Ohio, about 1884. He soon returned to Pennsylvania and spent four years at Penn Furnace, then went to Bellefonte and operated the furnace for about two years, then engaged with the Cameron Coal and Iron Company, as superintendent. He is at present living at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and is virtually retired. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. His children are: Isabella, wife of J. A. Little, of McKeesport; Grahmey, wife of James Bryce, of Homestead, Pennsylvania; David, deceased; Magdaline, a music teacher at McKeesport; Harry, a shipping clerk, McKeesport; Alexander, of whom later.

Alexander Fleming attended the Carnegie night school, then took a special course in LaFayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania. He studied chemistry in the laboratories of the Bellefonte Furnace Company, the Cameron Iron and Coal Company, the Joseph E. Throop Company, Everett, Pennsylvania; the Monongahela Furnaces, McKeesport. He then accepted a position with the Carnegie Steel Company, working at their various plants in and around Pittsburgh. In 1897 he settled in Scottdale, engaged as the chief chemist of the H. C. Frick Coke Company. He filled this position for seven years, then, in 1904, entered the business world as an independent chemist, opening the laboratory where he is at present. He has the agency for the Climax Refining Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, and is distributing agent for western Pennsylvania and as far as Altoona, West Virginia, and Maryland. He makes a specialty of water analysis, and is an expert in firebrick manufacture, in addition to the analysis of all kinds of ore, minerals, coal, coke, etc. He receives commissions from all parts of the United States, and does the work for most of the independent firms in the coke regions. He already requires an assistant in order to keep abreast of the great volume of work that pours in upon him. He was one of the incorporators and is one of the stockholders of the Savage Hill Firebrick Company, of Fairhope, Pennsylvania. He is vice-president of the

West Virginia Fire Clay Company, Thornton, West Virginia, and it was through his experiments and professional skill that the coke-oven brick has been raised to the present efficiency. Formerly the life of a fire brick in the ovens was from thirty days to one year, but through Mr. Fleming's untiring efforts the life of a brick has been prolonged to last from ten to twelve years. He stands at the head of his profession and is a member of the American Chemical Society. He is also a member of A. I. O. K. of M., Scotia Commandery, No. 116, of McKeesport; Marion Lodge, No. 562, F. and A. M., Scottdale; Connellsville Chapter, 283, R. A., Connellsville; Uniontown Commandery, 49, K. T., Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Scottdale Lodge, No. 777, B. P. O. E. Mr. Fleming married, September 26, 1895, Josephine F. Gogley, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Amick) Gogley, of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. They have three children, Ruth, Elizabeth and Marion Fleming. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Fleming being also a member of the choir.

CLARENCE W. MACBETH, formerly of the regular army and now an enterprising merchant of Scottdale, was born in East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1879. He is a son of William H. and Louise (Welty) Macbeth, of East Huntingdon, and his father is a prosperous farmer of that township.

His boyhood and youth were spent in attending the public schools and assisting his father in carrying on the homestead farm. Just prior to attaining his majority (July, 1900,) he enlisted as a private in Company K, Fifth Regiment, United States Infantry, for three years' service in the regular army, going first to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, thence to Presidio, California, and from there to Manila, Philippine Islands. During his service in the Philippines, which covered a period of two years and nine months, he performed active duty in the field for a greater portion of the time, and consequently became perfectly familiar with the strenuous life of a soldier in the far east. His regiment, which was almost constantly on the move, visited the more important islands except two, and the following is a partial list of places at which it was stationed, viz: Caraman, Battac, Bontoc, Fayum, Dolores, San Quintin Narvacan, Lopez, San Pablo, Santa Maria, Keom, Unidegen, Banguend, Canyvan, Appari, Laog, Vigan, San Juan and San Tomas. Besides participating in numerous skirmishes he was subjected to other dangers equally as menacing, and on one occasion during the rainy season was exposed to a continuous down-pour, without even a temporary shelter, for twelve consecutive days, during which time it was utterly impossible to obtain a change of clothing and the only available food was hardtack and bacon. He was twice confined to the hospital, once with yellow fever and at another time from the effects of being poisoned by impure food. In June, 1903, his regiment was ordered home and he was mustered out at Angel Island, San Francisco Bay, July 23, 1903, as first sergeant of his company, there being but thirty-two left of the one hundred and thirty-two officers and men originally enrolled. His long sojourn in the islands enabled him to gather much interesting information concerning the character and mode of life of the natives, and he also made two visits to Japan. Returning to Pennsylvania after his discharge from the army he entered the employ of the Union Supply Company of Painter, with whom he remained for some time, and he subsequently purchased a restaurant in Scottdale, where he now resides. In 1904 he established himself in the grocery business, entering his new field of trade with a large and well-selected stock of staple and

fancy groceries, canned goods, preserved meats, country produce, grain, feed, etc., and he has already laid the foundation of a successful mercantile business which promises to develop into large proportions in the near future.

On February 23, 1904, Mr. Macbeth was united in marriage with Miss Edna Williams, of South Huntingdon township, daughter of Daniel A. and Rebecca (Nichols) Williams. They have one daughter, Ruth Esther Macbeth. Mr. and Mrs. Macbeth attend the Presbyterian church.

**JAMES McFADDEN CARPENTER.** The family of which James McFadden Carpenter, of Pittsburg, is a representative, was founded in this county by Heinrich Zimmerman, who came hither about 1698 from the canton of Berne, Switzerland, and settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. About 1703 he brought over his family, which was a large one, including six sons, five of whom became surveyors and scriveners. He is said to have been much more progressive than his neighbors, in that he believed in educating his family in English and in making them Americans. His wishes in this respect are further indicated by the fact that he translated his name and after coming to this country was known as Henry Carpenter.

Daniel Carpenter, one of his sons, was the father of a son also named Daniel. This second Daniel was the father of John Carpenter, whose son, Jeremiah Murry Carpenter, was born on Pocketos (Puckety) creek, at a place more recently known as Hamilton's Mill. He received a common school education and in early life was a teacher. Later he became a farmer and also practiced the profession of a surveyor and scrivener. He held the office of justice of the peace, served in the militia, and in politics was a Democrat. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian and served as ruling elder in the Laird (Old Plum Creek) Church. His wife was Eleanor, daughter of James and Margaret (Stewart) McFadden, and a native of Middletown, Washington county, Pennsylvania. To them were born six children: Mary Elizabeth, married James McJunkin; John, married Isabella Herron; James McFadden, Jeremiah Murry, deceased; Samuel Lease, at present judge of the district circuit, Denver, Colorado; who married Grace Boyd; and Bertha Eleanor, intermarried with William M. McCracken.

James McFadden, the third child, was born January 30, 1850, at Murrys ville, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. The family removed to Plum township, Allegheny county, in 1852, where he received his primary education in the common schools, from which he passed to the academy at Murrys ville known as Laird Institute. While studying for his profession he engaged in farming, teaching and surveying, and in October, 1874, became a member of the Pittsburg bar, since which time he has been in active practice. His professional experience has lain especially along the lines of mining and oil interests, and he is known as a concise and forcible speaker. In early life he was a Democrat, but has always been independent of merely party considerations. Since 1896 he has been somewhat active in politics, was one of the organizers of the "Gold Democracy" and was a member of the convention that nominated Palmer and Buckner. For himself he has never sought election to any office. He is one of the trustees of Western Theological Seminary, and a member of the Union Club of Pittsburg. Since 1881 he has been ruling elder in the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, during all of which time he has served as clerk of session. Mr. Carpenter married, June 21, 1876, Mary H., daughter of John L. L. and Rebekah H. Knox, of

Allegheny, and their children were: Alice Lazear, Rebekah Nnox, who died in her sixth year; Bertha Eleanor and James McFadden. Mrs. Carpenter died July 2, 1899.

WILLIAM ELKIN, one of the best known and most influential men of West Jeannette, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, May 2, 1850. He is the son of Hugh and Margaret (Watson) Elkin, who lived and died in Ireland and were the parents of seven children, three of whom survive: David, of Fayette county; Annie, widow of William Lemon, of Ireland; and William Elkin, of whom later.

On his seventeenth birthday William Elkin left his native place and sailed for America shores, landing in Quebec, Canada, thence to Glenham, Dutchess county, New York, where he resided for four or five years, being employed during this time in a dyeing establishment. In 1872 he removed to Pittsburg, where he was employed in an iron works for fourteen years, with the exception of a few months spent in Wellsville, Ohio. In 1886 Mr. Elkin decided to enter into business for himself and accordingly opened a hotel in Pittsburg, at 1240 Pennsylvania avenue. He conducted this establishment for six years with considerable success, and then selling out his business removed to West Jeannette, where better opportunities presented themselves for an extensive and profitable business. Mr. Elkin established his hotel on property which he had purchased three years prior to his removal to that place, and spared neither time nor labor to make his establishment a well-equipped and commodious house. Ever since the Elkin House was opened to the public it has been counted among the most popular and best paying hotels of that section, and the proprietor, Mr. Elkin, is to be congratulated on his well deserved success. As a citizen Mr. Elkin is held in the highest esteem by his fellow townsmen, which is demonstrated by the fact that he was elected this spring to his third term as school director, and is counted among the most influential men of Jeannette. Mr. Elkin's political sympathies lie with the Republican party, and while he has never aspired to public office he takes a deep and lasting interest in all affairs bearing upon the welfare of his town and county. He is a member of Jeannette Lodge, No. 468, B. P. O. E. and the Orangemen's Lodge. In religious matters he affiliates with the Episcopal church, and was a member of the building committee during the construction of the church building in 1904.

November 10, 1875, Mr. Elkin was united in marriage to Elizabeth C. Elkin, a native of Indiana county, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Pratt) Elkin, and a sister of John P. Elkin. Their children are: William F., with his father in the hotel business; Lilly May, teacher in the Jeannette schools; Margaret Myrtle, a teacher in Hempfield township schools; Charles Alfred, reading medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; Olive Florence; at home; and Hazel Catherine, at home.

VERY REV. M. A. LAMBING, pastor of St. John the Baptist's Roman Catholic Church, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, whose ancestors had come from Alsace and Ireland about the middle of the eighteenth century, was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1848.

His boyhood and youth were spent in Manorville, in the same county. He quit school when thirteen years old, as his help was needed by the family, and learned shoemaking with his father; but soon after left the bench for more lucrative employment in the oil business, working in a refinery and also in the Oil Creek and the Parker fields. He kept up a course of study through



*Very Rev. M. A. Lambing.*



these years and, believing he had a call to the priesthood, entered St. Michael's Seminary, Glenwood, near Pittsburg, in the fall of 1870. He was ordained from this institution by Bishop Tuigg, June 10, 1876, and immediately assigned as assistant to the pastor of St. John's Church, Southside, Pittsburg. In February, 1878, he was transferred to a like position in St. Patrick's Church in the same city. July 17, 1879, he was appointed to his present charge.

Scottdale was originally (1872-1878) a mission attended from Connellsville, but in the latter year it was made a separate parish with Rev. Thomas M'Enrue as its first pastor. It was a small church of some two dozen communicants when placed under Father Lambing's care, but being the center of the coke regions, which were then opening up, it grew rapidly in numbers. The corner stone of the present edifice, one of the finest in that section, with a seating capacity of more than four hundred, was laid in 1881. Until August, 1887, he had charge of all the territory between Connellsville and St. Vincent's with a population of a dozen nationalities. During most of this time he was assisted by Rev. S. J. Schramm and Rev. P. Rigler. Since then he has had charge of only the English and German speaking Catholics in and about Scottdale, assisted by Rev. A. P. Black (1901-1903) and now by Rev. P. C. Danner. Father Lambing erected not only his own church but also St. Joseph's Church, Mount Pleasant, and the rectory, parish school and convent, Scottdale. Seven teachers are employed in the school, which has an enrollment of three hundred and thirty. In 1902 he was appointed dean over Westmoreland, Indiana and Fayette counties by the late Bishop Phelan, and is known as rural dean; he is also a member of important church committees of his diocese. A lifelong abstainer, he is a strong and consistent temperance advocate, and one of the most widely known leaders of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, of which he has been a member since 1884. The total abstinence societies connected with his church own a large hall. Since his coming to Scottdale, ten young women and four young men of the parish have entered the religious life. Two of the young men, Revs. M. P. Boyle and P. Diskin, were ordained into the priesthood.

Father Lambing was a prominent figure in all the labor troubles of the coke regions, always striving for a just and peaceful solution of disputes and enjoying the fullest confidence of the men regardless of nationality or creed, and of their employers and the public. Catholics and Protestants alike unite in their praise of Father Lambing for the great and good work he has accomplished in the community, in the welfare of which he has always taken an interest and an active part. With tenacity of purpose and patient perseverance, never asking nor wishing a change of place, he has labored with untiring energy for his congregation and the moral good of the community. His labors have been labors of love and well done; his greatest pleasure is his Master's service and the betterment of his fellowmen. His work is a credit to himself and an honor to his church.

**MAHLON M. STANTZ.** One of the old Pennsylvania families of German origin is that represented by Mahlon M. Stantz, of Scottdale. The first ancestor of whom we have any knowledge was Jacob Stantz (or Stautz, as the name was originally spelled) who came from Franklin county to Westmoreland county about a century ago. It has not been ascertained whether he was the progenitor who emigrated from Germany or whether he was of American birth.

Jacob Stantz was a blacksmith by trade and a first-class mechanic. On his

arrival in Westmoreland county he settled on the "Kindig farm," in Mount Pleasant township, and later moved to South Huntingdon township, near Menden, where he passed the remainder of his life. He owned a farm of one hundred and twenty acres which he cultivated in connection with his work as a blacksmith. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Stantz married Susannah Miller, and they were the parents of the following children: John who was a farmer, and moved to Ohio. Leonard, who was a laborer, and went to Clarion county, Pennsylvania. Jacob, died in early life. Christopher, mentioned hereafter. Henry, who was a farmer, and died on the homestead. Philip who was a farmer in South Huntingdon township. Isaac, who enlisted in the army during the Civil war and died of disease contracted while in service. Peter, who also served in the army and died of wounds received in battle. A daughter who became the wife of George Painter, of Westmoreland county. Polly, died unmarried. Catharine, married Samuel McMichael, of Westmoreland county. Mr. Stantz, the father, lived to be well advanced in years, his death occurring when he was upward of eighty.

Christopher Stantz, son of Jacob and Susannah (Miller) Stantz, was born July, 1812, in Mount Pleasant township, and in early life was a teamster, for fifteen years driving a team between Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburg. From 1839 to the end of his life he lived in South Huntingdon township, where he engaged in the labors of a farmer. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Stantz was twice married. His first wife was Jane McAfee, who bore him three children: Jemima; Mary R., who became the wife of L. K. Hixson, of Alverton; and Emmanuel M., mentioned hereafter. After the death of his wife Mr. Stantz married Catharine, widow of Philip Heck and daughter of Andrew Byerly. Mr. Stantz died in 1897, at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

Emmanuel M. Stantz, son of Christopher and Jane (McAfee) Stantz, was born February 20, 1842, reared on the farm, and received his education in the public schools. He remained at home until he had passed his majority, and in 1870 had the misfortune to lose his right hand in a clover-seed huller, after which he secured a position as stable boss for the firm of Brown & Coughran, coal miners. He filled this position for nine years and then retired to the farm where he remained from 1880 to 1895, when he removed to Scottdale which is his present place of abode. The family belong to the United Baptist church. Mr. Stantz married, April 4, 1867, Catharine, daughter of Michael and Nancy (Fretts) Myers, and the following children have been born to them: Jennie, died at the age of eighteen years. Mahlon M., mentioned hereafter. Millie, who became the wife of W. H. Lynn, and is now deceased. Ella, married John Medsgar, of Charleroi, Pennsylvania. Florence, at home. Benjamin F., at home. Ruth, at home.

Mahlon M. Stantz, son of Emmanuel M. and Catharine (Myers) Stantz, was born September 12, 1869, educated in the public schools, and when but seventeen or eighteen years of age began to learn the butcher's trade. He was employed for about eight years in the stores of the W. J. Raney Company, at Vanderbilt. In September, 1898, he settled in Scottdale, where he opened a meat market and has since conducted a flourishing business. He supplies the trade in Scottdale and the suburbs, and in addition to meat handles eggs, butter and cheese. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Modern Woodmen of the World. Mr. Stantz married, June 5, 1895, Florence, daughter of Henry and Mary Snyder. Mrs. Stantz is a native of East Liberty, Fayette county, Pennsylvania.



RALPH B. KUHNS, a representative business man of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born October 18, 1878, seven or eight miles south of the borough of Greensburg, and is the son of W. H. and Mary (Kalp) Kuhns, who are now residents of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. W. H. Kuhns was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1849. He was formerly engaged in the lumber business and also in the conduct of several saw mills. He is now employed by the H. C. Frick Coke Company in Fayette county. In the year 1877 he married Mary Kalp, and they are the parents of the following named children: Anna, wife of A. J. Brothers, of Fayette county; Ora, married Frank Greenwalt, of Fayette county; Olive, unmarried; Ida, wife of Charles Bush, of Westmoreland county; Elsie, at home; Sadie, at home; Walter, at home; and Ralph.

At the age of six years Ralph B. Kuhns removed with his parents to Fayette county, near Laurelville. There he received his early education in the public schools, and later took a course in the Iron City Business College of Pittsburgh, (1899-1900). After his graduation in 1900 he secured a position as clerk in the Union Supply Company's store, and remained with them for nine months. At the expiration of this time he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as clerk in the scale office at Youngwood, Pennsylvania. His next removal was to Everson, where he was employed as storekeeper for the same company. This position he retained from February until August, when he was transferred to Youngwood, remaining there until August of the following year. He then went to Edenborn as shipping clerk for H. C. Frick Coke Company, and at the end of a year was transferred to Sterling No. 2, same company, as paymaster, continuing in this capacity until the works were closed up. October 22, 1903, he entered the employ of the United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Company at Scottdale, as shipping clerk. He was soon promoted to bill and order clerk, which position he held until he engaged in his present business, April 1, 1905.

Mr. Kuhns purchased the bakery establishment at 228 Pittsburg street, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1905, and one day later took possession, succeeding Mrs. C. M. Frey. This business was established in 1885 by George P. Frey, who conducted it until his death, about 1899, when his wife took possession and carried on the business until her death in 1905. It is the intention of Mr. Kuhns to conduct the business along the same lines which were formerly followed. Besides a general bakery and catering business, he also has an ice-cream parlor, which is one of the leading features of the establishment. A commodious and attractive room in the rear of the apartment is devoted to this purpose, and in the winter seasons is used as an oyster and lunch room, being the only one of its kind in the borough. Mr. Kuhns manufactures his own cream, doing a wholesale as well as a retail business, his trade covering a large territory. When the Spanish-American war broke out, Mr. Kuhns enlisted, April 1898, in Company E, Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served in the Philippines, and saw much active service, visiting the towns of Manila, Caviti, Malalos, Malabao and many others of prominence. Fraternally Mr. Kuhns is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. October 12, 1901, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Becker, daughter of Peter J. and Elizabeth Becker, who are natives of Scottdale. They have two children: Lillian and Florence. Mr. Kuhns and his family have their residence on Pittsburg street, near his place of business.

JAMES BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SMITH. One of the leading merchants of Mount Pleasant is James Benjamin Franklin Smith. He is a

grandson of Joseph Smith, whose son, David G. Smith, was born near Gettysburg, Adams county, Pennsylvania, and at the age of fifteen or sixteen came to Westmoreland county. He there found employment in the Hurst settlement in Mount Pleasant township, and remained in this vicinity for several years. He then went to what is known as Painterville, where he was employed for twelve years in the salt works, and at the end of that time engaged in mercantile business at New Stanton, now known as Old Stanton. He married Mary, daughter of Joseph Bear, a farmer of Sewickley township, and they were the parents of a son, James Benjamin Franklin, mentioned hereafter. The death of Mr. Smith occurred in December, 1888. He was a good business man and a worthy citizen.

James Benjamin Franklin Smith, son of David G. and Mary (Bear) Smith, was born January 24, 1867, and received his education in the public schools and at the Greensburg Seminary. In the autumn of 1884, while still but a lad, he became a teacher, and taught four terms in Hempfield township. After four years as a teacher, he went as store manager to the Alice mines, near Mount Pleasant, East Huntingdon township, and held this position fourteen years, although during that period the concern changed hands no fewer than five different times. In 1900 the Mount Pleasant Supply Company, by whom he was then employed, transferred him to the Klondike coal field in Fayette county, there to become the manager of a store. After holding this position ten months he resigned and entered the service of the American Supply Company, as manager of their store at Edenboro. At the end of three months the same company transferred him to Lambert, where he opened a store for them, and after getting the establishment into good running order he was again transferred to Gates, Pennsylvania, to open a store there. At this place he was retained for eight months, and in 1902, when the American Supply Company consolidated with the Union Supply Company, he resigned and entered the service of the Sharon Steel Company, as manager and purchasing agent of the store at Ronco, Pennsylvania. This position he filled until April, 1903, when he resigned, went to Mount Pleasant and there purchased the dry goods establishment of James S. Braddock & Company, which he has since conducted and maintained as one of the leading dry goods stores of the borough. He is a progressive business man, and the strict attention which he gives to the affairs of his establishment leaves him little time for social enjoyment, but he is a worthy member of the I. O. O. F. and the Modern Woodmen. He and his family are members of the First Reformed church of Mount Pleasant.

Mr. Smith married, May 28, 1888, Alice G., daughter of B. F. and Nancy S. (McCam) Miller, of New Stanton, and they have four children: Mamie Marie, Anna Gertrude, Benjamin F., deceased, and James Edward. Mr. Smith is strictly and absolutely a self-made man of whom it may be truly said that he has been the maker of his own fortune, and throughout his career has set an example of total abstinence, refraining not only from intoxicating liquors, but also from the use of tobacco in every form.

A. N. SHUSTER, a prominent real estate and insurance dealer in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in Penn township, near Boquet, May 12, 1873, the son of Israel and Mary (Kepple) Shuster. His mother is deceased, and his father is a farmer in Penn township. A. N. Shuster acquired his education in the public schools of his native place, and at the age of sixteen left school and entered into his first regular employment as clerk for Ed Fry, at Boquet, which position he held for five years. He then moved to Charleroi,

where he acted as head clerk for J. E. McCardle for three years. He went to Monessen in October, 1897, becoming one of the pioneer settlers in that town. At the time of his arrival there were but three families in residence there, and he and his brother John opened a general store, the first of its kind in the place. They conducted the business very successfully under the firm name of Shuster Brothers for five years, when they sold it to the Geer Brothers. During the succeeding year they engaged in the conduct of a feed and livery business, and at the end of the year Mr. A. N. Shuster went on a trip to California. Upon his return he organized a stock company and erected the Monessen Opera House at a cost of \$45,000, and of this Mr. Shuster has since been manager and director. He was also one of the organizers of the Monessen Savings and Trust Company, of Monessen, of which he is now a member of the board of directors. In May, 1905, he formed a partnership with Milton Loeb, and established a real estate and insurance business, which they conduct under the firm name of Shuster and Loeb. They also conduct a fire insurance business. In this line they represent the Allegheny Insurance Company; the Western of Toronto; the S. V. E. A. of Gothenburg, Sweden; and the London, Liverpool and Globe Insurance Companies.

Mr. Shuster has always been actively identified with all public affairs, and was one of the first councilmen elected in the borough, serving for three years. He was elected on the Democratic ticket, and in 1903 was elected burgess on the Republican ticket. He has served as a member of the Republican County Convention for the past three years. Fraternally he is a member of the B. P. O. E., and one of the organizers of the Monessen Lodge, No. 773; he was made a member of the Elks in Charleroi; he was one of the charter members of the K. P., Monessen Lodge; and also one of the charter members of the German Beneficial Union. He has contributed his share toward the upbuilding of the thriving borough, and erected the building occupied by Greer Brothers, on Schoonmaker avenue, which is forty-four by one hundred feet. Mr. Shuster married, March 26, 1898, Bessie McFeely, daughter of Scott and Anna McFeely, of Monongahela, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Prather, Rudell and Catharine, deceased. They are members of the Presbyterian church.

ADAM T. DARR. Among the reliable business men of West Newton, Pennsylvania, is Adam T. Darr, born at the borough just named, February 22, 1840, son of G. Adam and Christena (Kolbe) Darr, both natives of Germany.

The father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, about 1804, and died at West Newton, Pennsylvania, April 30, 1879. He learned the trade of carpenter, and later emigrated to America, landing at Baltimore, Maryland, about 1826. After a short sojourn in that city, he went to Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade a short time and then removed to South Huntingdon township of this county, and later to Ros-traver township. Subsequently he moved to the borough of West Newton, where he followed carpentering and building the remainder of his life, dying in 1879. His wife survived him until 1884. Both are buried in the old West Newton cemetery. The children born to G. Adam and Christena (Kolbe) Darr were as follows: The first two died young—one at sea while sailing for America. 3. Catherine, born in Germany, married Christian Olbey; she is now a widow residing in Kansas. 4. Henry, died 1872. 5. John C., now of Emporia, Kansas, a farmer by occupation; he served during the Civil war as a member of the Ninety-sixth Illinois Infantry Regiment for three years. 6. Mary,

now residing at the old Darr homestead in West Newton, Pennsylvania. 7. Adam T., born February 22, 1840, at West Newton. 8. Daniel F., a carpenter of West Newton, who was a member of the Eighth Pennsylvania Reserves in time of the rebellion and served faithfully for three years. 9. Lucetta C., married John Oldbey, of West Newton. G. Adam Darr and wife were exemplary members of the United Brethren church, and in politics he was a supporter of the Republican party.

Adam T. Darr obtained a good common school education at West Newton, and when twenty-two years of age, August 22, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment of Infantry, serving in the Union cause within the Army of the Potomac until the close of the great civil war, being honorably discharged June 29, 1865. May 3, 1863, he was seriously wounded at the memorable battle of Chancellorsville, and was in the hospital at Washington and later at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After having sufficiently recovered to enter into active service he again joined his old command, and remained a true soldier until the close of the great conflict. Upon his return from the army, having seen much hard service, he resumed the peaceful calling of a civilian by taking up the trade of a carpenter and builder, in which he continued until about 1890, when he was appointed to the office of postmaster at West Newton by President Benjamin Harrison, serving for four years. In a year or two after retiring from the duties of postmaster Mr. Darr engaged in the real estate and insurance business, which he still follows in a successful manner. He is, and ever has been; a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and has been honored with many local offices, including that of assessor, tax-collector, borough councilman and member of the Republican county committee. Since 1894 he has been secretary and trustee of the West Newton Cemetery Association, and from 1898 has been the secretary of the West Newton Building and Loan Association. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been on the official board and trustee and treasurer of the West Newton Methodist Church. Among the various civic and fraternal societies to which he has belonged, he is now identified with the Masonic order, being a member of Blythe Lodge, No. 593, at West Newton; Chapter No. 282, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania; Lodge No. 440, I. O. O. F., at West Newton; Royal Arcanum, No. 65, and J. C. Markle Grand Army Post, No. 623, of West Newton.

Mr. Darr married April 30, 1872, at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, Mary Frances Luker, daughter of David and Harriet Luker. The father of Mrs. Darr is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. David Luker had children: B. F., a merchant of Kittanning. Captain J. Frank, a steamboat captain. Jennie A., wife of J. P. Hamilton; she is deceased. Mary Frances, wife of Adam T. Darr. Sadie deceased. D. W., now of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. Amy E., at home in Allegheny City.

IRA B. SCHOAF, D. D. S., of West Newton, traces his ancestry to Conrad and Louise (Islie) Schoaf, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, where the former engaged in the occupations of shoemaking and farming. They were hard-working, persevering and industrious people, characteristics for which their countrymen and women are noted, and they set an example well worthy of emulation. Their death occurred in Germany in 1856 and 1839, respectively.

Jacob Schoaf, son of Conrad and Louise (Islie) Schoaf, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, November 24, 1819. In 1848, at the age of twenty-

nine years, he emigrated to the United States, settling in West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. His first occupation was in a stone quarry, after which he worked as a common laborer for Jacob Baughman for a period of four years, and then secured employment in a tannery, where he remained for twenty years. In 1875 he purchased the foundry belonging to a Mr. Downs, which he conducted with a large degree of success for many years, and his integrity and trustworthiness gained for him an enviable reputation in business circles. He was the owner of several valuable pieces of property in West Newton, including several fine residences. He served as a member of the borough council, having been elected on the Republican ticket. On August 9, 1849, he married Lena Shively, of South Huntingdon township, and their children were as follows: Elizabeth, John W., Frederick, Lena, and Kate.

Frederick Schoaf, son of Jacob and Lena (Shively) Schoaf, was born in West Newton, Pennsylvania, 1859. On attaining young manhood he entered his father's foundry and later became a partner in the business. Subsequently his father withdrew from the firm and the business was left entirely in his hands, he conducting the same in a creditable manner for a number of years, when he turned his attention to the hardware business, and a few years later disposed of his interest in the foundry. He is one of the leading merchants of West Newton, his trade being the largest and best in that line, and being accommodating, pleasant and reliable is highly esteemed by his many customers and patrons. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a member of the I. O. O. F. He served for a number of years as a member of the school board of West Newton. He married Agnes Willard, who bore him six children, five of whom survive: Ira B., of whom later; Frederick, who is attending Duff Bros. College, Pittsburg; Clarence, Ralph, and Mable.

Ira B. Schoaf was born in West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1883. His early education was acquired in the common schools of his birthplace, and later he pursued advanced studies in the academy of the same place. In the fall of 1901 he entered the Dental Department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, at Pittsburg, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1904. After his graduation he returned to West Newton and opened a commodious office for the practice of his profession, and in the short space of one year has built up an extensive and remunerative business. He is an expert operator, thorough in all the departments of his work, and is recognized as an able, skillful and progressive member of the profession. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a Republican in politics. Dr. Schoaf is unmarried and resides with his parents.

JAMES P. SWAUGER, a resident of West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, proprietor of the Yough Hotel, and a man largely interested in community affairs, was born in Clarksburg, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1845, son of Samuel and Catherine (Pepple) Swauger, and grandson of William Swauger, who was a native of Germany, and by trade a miller. He died in 1821, and his widow married a Mr. Stuck, who was also a miller.

Samuel Swauger, son of William Swauger, and father of James P. Swauger, was born in Bedford county, April 9, 1812. He learned the trade of miller from his step-father, followed that occupation during his active working life, and was engaged at his trade in Bedford, Westmoreland and Indiana counties. In politics he was a Democrat, and a member of the Presbyterian

church. He married Catherine Pepple, born in Bedford county, April, 1814, and fourteen children were born to them, eight of whom survive: John, at Murrys ville, Pennsylvania; William, at Derry Station; James P., of whom later; Samuel T., at Coldport, Pennsylvania; A. Wilson, at Murrys ville; George, at Saltsburg; Margaret, wife of Porter J. Nesbit, Aledo, Illinois; and Catherine, wife of George Stark, Salem Cross Roads. The father of these children died at the age of eighty-two years.

James P. Swauger obtained his education in the common schools of his native place, and early in life learned the trade of miller under the instruction of his father. He was engaged in this occupation for about a quarter of a century, and was a skilled miller in both the old burr and later the roller system. In 1889 Mr. Swauger retired from the milling business and engaged in the hotel business in West Newton, where he has since been located. The Yough hotel, of which Mr. Swauger is the proprietor, is a first-class establishment, and is well patronized. He has won many friends among his guests, owing to his genial and hospitable disposition. Politically he is a strong Republican, and is a firm advocate of the principles of that organization. In 1871 he married Edith Fisher, daughter of Adam Fisher, of Confluence, Pennsylvania. This marriage ceremony was culminated in Maryland, where Mr. Swauger resided for about eleven years during young manhood. Their children are: Blanche, resides in Pittsburg, wife of John F. Cummings, who is with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad; Ida, at home; and Mazie, who lives with Mrs. G. M. Emig, of Pittsburg, by whom she was reared. Mrs. Swauger died in 1878, and in 1882 Mr. Swauger married Margaret Frye, of Indiana county, daughter of Joseph Frye, now of Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Ethel, wife of E. G. Shepler, Monessen; Grace, Nellie, Ruth and John, all of whom reside at home.

S. F. TODD, an esteemed resident of Scottdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and a man who by his own exertion and perseverance has attained an honorable place in the world of successful business men, is the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Merritt) Todd, and was born in Rostraver, Westmoreland county, October 11, 1852. The Todd family in America originated with Robert Todd, a native of Brittainia, France, a captain in the home guards, who at the overthrow of the government at the time of the insurrection hastened from his native land, finding a haven in America. He lived and died in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He had one son, Robert, the grandfather of S. F. Todd.

Robert Todd removed from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to Rostraver, Westmoreland county, in 1779. He settled on a farm located a mile and a half east of Rostraver postoffice, and which is now owned by his grandson, Robert Todd. When he took possession of the property it was a wild tract of land, but he carefully improved it, and brought it to a high state of cultivation. He followed agricultural pursuits in conjunction with the conduct of a tannery all his active working life, and achieved the most gratifying success. He affiliated with the order of Quakers. His wife was Hannah Hammond, a native of France, by whom were born the following named children: Hannah, deceased; Polly, who became the wife of Peter Van Meter, a Frenchman; Margaret, married John Foot, of old Connecticut extraction; Ann, married John Hasson; Robert, a farmer of Rostraver township; Daniel, father of S. F. Todd; Samuel, a farmer of Rostraver township; James, formerly a steam-boat captain, later a merchant. The father of these children, Robert Todd,



*S. F. Todd*





died in 1821, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a useful, industrious citizen, a kind and loving father and husband, and his loss was keenly felt.

Daniel Todd, sixth child and second son of Robert and Hannah (Hammond) Todd, was born in 1808, in Rostraver township. He obtained his education in the common schools and the old Concord school house, and upon leaving school turned his attention to the quiet but useful occupation of a farmer. In 1847 he removed to South Huntingdon township, where he engaged in the cultivation of a splendid farm of one hundred and ninety-two acres. He was a regular and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Elizabeth Merritt, a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Harrold) Merritt. Seven children, three sons and four daughters, were the issue of this marriage union: Hannah, deceased, the wife of Oliver Lenhart; S. F., mentioned hereafter; Daniel, deceased; James, died in youth; Elizabeth, the wife of Hugh Espey, of East Huntingdon township; Laura, who married Robert Hill, of Scottdale. Daniel Todd died in 1863.

S. F. Todd received his intellectual training in the public schools and Normal school, spending two terms in the latter. After the death of his father he took up his residence with his uncle, Samuel Todd, and when a young man made a trip to the west, remaining there for two years. He then returned to South Huntingdon township and followed agricultural pursuits until 1886, when he removed to Scottdale and worked in the rolling-mill and clerked in stores until 1891, when he embarked upon his present successful business enterprise. His present business is that of a stone, marble and granite dealer. His is one of the leading and substantial establishments in the county. He deals in monuments of all kinds, from the smallest tombstone to the finest mausoleum. His place of business is at 211 South Broadway. Mr. Todd contracts for the erection of stone buildings, and at times employs as many as twenty men. In 1901 he erected one of the most attractive modern houses in Scottdale, made of Cleveland stone, and situated on South Broadway, where he and his niece reside in comfort and luxury.

Politically Mr. Todd strongly defends the principles of the Democratic party. Public-spirited and patriotic, he is deeply interested in all public affairs and always has the best interests of the community at heart. He has taken pride in the upbuilding and growth of his town, and is ever ready to lend his assistance to any enterprise which will advance the interests of the public. In the fall of 1904 he was strongly solicited by members of his party to become a candidate for county comptroller, but declined. He has served as a member of the borough council, and during his visit to Florida was placed on the borough ticket for burgess. He returned four days before election, and his popularity was such that he came within sixteen votes of being elected in a district strongly Republican. An upright, honorable man, Mr. Todd enjoys the entire confidence of the community. He has never married. During his mother's life he felt that she needed his support, and after her death he took care of his sister. Since her marriage he has cared for his niece, Laura, the daughter of Mrs. Lenhart and an accomplished young woman.

EDWARD MILES FRYE, a prominent and influential citizen of Monessen, Pennsylvania, and postmaster of that borough, was born at Grapeville, Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1862, the son of Samuel and Margaret (Branthooer) Frye, and is of German origin. The progenitor of this family in America was the paternal great-grandfather of Edward M., who emigrated to this country from Germany, and engaged in school teaching, also instructing in singing and German.

Samuel, the father of Edward M. Frye, was born on the old homestead, at Delmont, Pennsylvania. In early life he was a contractor and builder of houses and barns, but later gave his whole attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the Reformed church. Samuel and Margaret (Branthoover) Frye had children: Susan J., married Zephaniah Painter, of Salem township; W. John, of Grapeville; Edward M., mentioned hereafter; Elmer Ellsworth, a packer, of Jeannette; Robert P., died at the age of two years; Hettie, deceased, wife of John McCurdy; Mary Ann, married E. Allwine; Clara, wife of W. J. Duncan, of Harmony; Sallie Agnes, married William Allwine, of Jeannette; Nannie, wife of W. H. Steiner, of Grapeville; Samuel P., of Jeannette, Pa., and one who died in infancy. The father of the above mentioned children was a soldier in the war of the rebellion. His death occurred in March, 1905, and his wife died in December, 1904.

Edward M. Frye acquired his early intellectual training in the public schools of his native place, and later attended Delmont Academy two terms; Dayton Academy one term; Cavode Academy one term, and Grove City College two years. Mr. Frye worked his way through the last named institutions, teaching during the winter seasons, and studying in summer, from the time he was nineteen until he was twenty-six years of age. September 24, 1888, he entered into partnership with a Mr. Painter, in Boquet, Pennsylvania, engaging in the general merchandise business. This arrangement existed for one year, when Mr. Frye purchased the interest of his partner, and conducted the business alone until March 1, 1899, when he removed to Monessen and opened a shoe store. This he carried on with considerable success for eighteen months, and then sold out and formed a partnership with John W. Manown, establishing a real estate and insurance business. At the end of a year he purchased his partner's interest, and conducted the business alone in East Monessen, until March 1, 1905, achieving the most gratifying success. In political affiliations he is a supporter of the Republican party, and has held many elective offices in his borough. March 1, 1905, he was appointed postmaster of Monessen, in the duties of which position he is now engaged. He was elected borough treasurer in 1900, and occupied this office for five years. He has served as a member of the county committee for the past fifteen years, and has also served as delegate to the state convention. Fraternally he is a member of the F. and A. M., Monessen Lodge, No. 638, Monongahela City Chapter, No. 249, R. A.; B. P. O. E., No. 773, of which he has been secretary since 1904; K. P., No. 176; I. O. O. F., Monessen Lodge; Modern Woodmen of America and Foresters. He is a director of the First National Bank of Monessen, and is a member and one of the trustees of the Presbyterian church. Edward M. Frye married, May 13, 1890, Emaline S. Snyder, daughter of David and Mary (Cline) Snyder. They have three children: Ralph W., Wayne V. and Irene M.

G. FRANK WRIGHT, undertaker, embalmer, and furniture dealer, of Monessen, Pennsylvania, was born February 19, 1876, at Dawson, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, a son of Robert H. and Elizabeth E. Wright, and a grandson of John W. Wright.

John W. Wright was born near Washington City, where he lived until his early manhood, when he located in Fayette county and engaged in farming. He died at the age of seventy-six years. He was a church member and a consistent Christian, a man well liked and respected, although of a retiring disposition.

Robert H. Wright, father of G. Frank Wright and a son of John W. and Susan (Patterson) Wright, is a resident of Dawson, Pennsylvania. He is now retired from business. He married Elizabeth McBride, by whom he had five children, three of whom are living, namely: G. Frank; Margaret, at home, and Eva at home.

G. Frank Wright acquired his education at the public schools of his native place and the normal school at California, Pennsylvania. He learned his present business with his uncle, Mr. Murphy, of Murphy and Company, Scottdale, with whom he was employed for thirteen years in the undertaking department of their establishment. Mr. Wright located at Monessen, December 5, 1902, where he succeeded to the undertaking business of McMahan and McMahan, located on Fifth street. This establishment was not in a flourishing condition when Mr. Wright took charge of it, but he continued at that stand for eighteen months, the business constantly enlarging, and then removed to his present spacious quarters on Donner avenue, in October, 1904. In the furniture department he handles carpets, curtains, window shades, etc., and has extended his trade beyond the confines of the one town into the neighboring boroughs. The undertaking department is complete in every detail, and Mr. Wright has taken courses in embalming at the United States Embalming School and at instruction schools in New York and Chicago. In his social relations he is a member of the F. and A. M., Monessen Lodge; Pittsburg Consistory; B. P. O. E., Monessen Lodge, No. 773; and K. P., Monessen Lodge. Mr. Wright married, October 12, 1904, Gertrude McGill, daughter of George C. McGill, of Dawson, Pennsylvania.

MICHAEL E. HALLIMAN, real estate dealer and insurance man, was born December 11, 1880, in Columbiana county, Ohio, a son of Martin and Mary E. (Gorman) Halliman. The father, a resident of New Brighton, was born near Olean, New York, a son of Michael and Anna Halliman, both natives of Ireland, who came to this country and settled on a farm in New York State. He was a machinist in early life, latterly a master mechanic with the Kennedy Company, keg manufacturers, of New Brighton.

Michael E. Halliman was reared in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and educated in the public schools of Beaver Falls. At the age of thirteen years he entered the employ of the Carnegie Steel Company at Beaver Falls as office boy, and advanced through various departments, remaining through the changes of management until he reached the position of assistant paymaster. The plant was then purchased by the American Steel and Wire Company, and he remained with them until they closed the Beaver Falls plant, when he was transferred to the Twentieth street works at Pittsburg, and for one year worked for them as paymaster. He then was engaged as foreman of the rivet department by the Oliver Iron and Steel Company of Pittsburg, remaining with that company until 1900. He then came to Monessen as paymaster of the local plant of the Paige Wire Fence Company and held that position until March 7, 1905, when he resigned to take up the real estate and insurance business. His office is at No. 519 Schoonmaker avenue, previously occupied by E. M. Frye, to whose business Mr. Halliman succeeded. In connection with his real estate business he does a general insurance business, being the representative of eight fire insurance companies, both foreign and domestic, one life insurance company, the New York Life, and two casualty companies. He is also a notary public, and is a stockholder in the Savings and Trust Company of Monessen, one of its original stockholders. For a time he was

a stockholder in the Paige Wire Fence Company of Monessen, but has recently sold his holdings in that concern. In local affairs he has been an active worker for the public good, in politics an ardent Republican, and is one of the best known but most unassuming citizens of the town. He is a member of B. P. O. E., Monessen Lodge, No. 773, of the K. C., and of a Batchelors' Club of Monessen.

SAMUEL JONES, of Belle Vernon, a dealer in lumber and building material of all kinds, also a contractor and builder, conducting his operations at Monessen and Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, was born on a farm in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1857, a son of William and Sarah Jones.

His early education was obtained in the common schools, and this was supplemented by a course in the Duff Business College, and in the Allegheny high school, which he attended several terms. After completing his studies he associated himself with his father in the lumber business at Belle Vernon, beginning in 1885 and continuing until 1891, when he opened yards at Chaleroi, Pennsylvania, conducting business there for three years. After disposing of the same he devoted his attention to the business at Belle Vernon, known as the Belle Vernon Planing Mill Company, up to 1897, when the town of Monessen was started. He purchased the first lots that were sold in that town, and from its very inception has been active in all the building operations therein. He established the first lumber yards in Monessen, 1897, and has continued to conduct the same ever since, it being known as the Monessen Lumber Company. He has been engaged in the contracting and building business for the last two decades, and has done as much if not more than any one other man in the building up of the town of Monessen. In 1901, in company with his brother, J. S. Jones, of Belle Vernon, he opened up McMahon, a second addition to Monessen, comprising twenty acres, which they platted and sold, and which proved a most lucrative investment. He was associated with three other men in the organization of and platting of the Erent Land Company's plat, an addition to Monessen, comprising forty acres. This company, which was organized in 1905, is composed of the following members: Samuel Jones, president; George Nash, J. S. Jones and C. F. Eggers. He is also interested in the Perry Manufacturing Company of Perryopolis, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, which was organized in 1905 for the purpose of manufacturing plastering and brick making materials, also shippers of a fine grade of silica clay. The esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens is evidenced by the fact that he was chosen to serve on the directorate of the Monessen Savings & Trust Company, of which he was one of the organizers. He is a stockholder in the Valley Deposit & Trust Company of Belle Vernon. In all his business relations he is integrity personified, and is a member of that class whose honor, enterprise and social qualities give character to a community.

Mr. Jones was married February 25, 1886, to Annie C. Murphy, daughter of Joshua and Mary Murphy, the former of whom is deceased and the latter a resident of Belle Vernon, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside at the corner of Vine and Broad avenue, North Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania.

HARMER S. NEFF, of West Newton, a leading business man, who has rendered valuable service to his community in various important official

stations, is a native of the borough in which he now resides, born October 1, 1862, son of Reuben F. and Ann (Gressley) Neff.

Reuben F. Neff was born in Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, a son of Reuben Neff, a farmer. He was reared on the home farm, and on reaching manhood engaged as a contractor in sinking coal mine shafts. During the Civil war he served faithfully and honorably for two and a half years in the One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, participating in some of the most stirring campaigns and notable battles which marked the annals of the famous old Army of the Potomac. His capability was such that he was marked for a lieutenancy, but this preferment was withheld from him through chicanery. On his return from the army he resumed his contract work, but soon came to his death in the line of his duty. He had been re-engaged in this pursuit not more than three months, when he was killed while sinking a mine shaft at West Newton. His wife survived him many years, remaining unmarried, and devoting herself to the service of her family, which was left in straitened circumstances. They were the parents of four children. 1. William, engaged in the stock business in Missouri; 2. Frank, resides in Stephen county, Kansas, where he is engaged in the stock business; he has served as county superintendent of schools, and is the present clerk of court. 3. Wesley, a carpenter at McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 4. Harmer S. All these children took employment very early in life in order to assist their widowed mother in keeping her family together.

Harmer S. Neff worked upon a farm until he was eleven years of age, and at fifteen, engaged with a blacksmith. His education was necessarily limited, but his ambition enabled him to compensate for meagre school advantages by directing him to the acquisition of knowledge from other sources. After blacksmithing with A. W. Smith, at McKeesport, for a time, he took a position with the Markle Paper Company, in West Newton, his duties being caring for their machinery. He acquitted himself with credit in this position for several years, developing the capabilities of a skilled machinist, and entered the employ of the Osborn Seagern Coal Company, being charged with the care of the machinery in their various mines in Pennsylvania and Ohio. In 1893 he resigned this position to connect himself with the National Tube Works in McKeesport, with the desire of entering upon a larger knowledge of a different class of machinery. After two years so occupied he was for a short time employed in the capacity of foreman in the machine shops of the Pittsburg Coal Company, which he left to accept the position of machinist for the United States Radiator Company in West Newton. After two years of this employment (in 1902) he resigned, with an excellent record as a workman and a man, never once leaving a position under compulsion, but only on his own motion in order to enter upon a more desirable situation. His retirement from his last employment was due to his determination to enter upon an independent career, and he at once opened a machine shop in West Newton, a venture in which he has been eminently successful, as is attested by the large and important patronage which has been accorded him, and which is constantly increasing. He is actively identified with the life of the community, and his public spirit and capability have found cordial recognition in his election to various positions of usefulness. He has served one term as a member of the town council, and two terms as a member of the board of health, while he is at present a member of the school board. His religious membership is with the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics he is a Republican. He is a member of West Newton Lodge, No. 440, I. O. O. F. Mr. Neff married in 1882, Sadie Harned, a daugh-

ter of William Harned, a leading farmer of Bruston Mills, West Virginia. They have three children: Edna, Frank and Gordon. The first named is a graduate of the California State Normal school, and is a highly esteemed teacher in the West Newton public schools.

CHRISTIAN GOEHRING. Among the leading business men of West Newton, whose enterprise, energy and thrift have been leading and important factors in the material growth and development thereof, may be mentioned the name of Christian Goehring, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born May 17, 1859, who possesses in a marked degree the characteristics of his native land. His parents, Martin and Mary (Hunker) Goehring, also natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, emigrated to the United States with their family, locating at Hunkers Station, from whence after a short stay they removed to West Newton. They are the parents of seven children, all of whom are living at the present time (1905): Christian, of whom later; Martin, Jr., a merchant of West Newton; Mary, wife of George Binder, of West Newton; John G., a druggist of West Newton, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Frederick, engaged in the furniture business in West Newton; William, a dry goods merchant of West Newton; and Anna, wife of Harry Albig, of West Newton.

The common schools adjacent to his home afforded Christian Goehring the means of obtaining a thorough, rudimentary education which qualified him for an active and useful career. In 1881 he engaged in teaming, which occupation proved highly remunerative and which he followed up to 1895, a period of fourteen years. In connection therewith he established a livery business in the town of West Newton, in 1895, which has also proved very successful, and which is recognized as one of the leading establishments of its kind, receiving the patronage of the best residents of the town. It is well equipped with vehicles suitable for all occasions, and the patrons thereof receive at all times prompt and courteous treatment. Mr. Goehring has served as burgess of the town for four years, and is now (1905) a member of the town council, these facts attesting to his worth as a citizen. His religious views are in accord with those of the Lutheran church, of which he is a member, and his political allegiance is given to the Democratic party. In 1882 Mr. Goehring married Lena Schoaf, daughter of Jacob and Lena (Shively) Schoaf, and granddaughter of Conrad and Louise (Islie) Schoaf, her parents, now deceased, having been among the early settlers of West Newton. Their children are: Harry, a student in the College of Pharmacy in Pittsburg; William, engaged with his father in the livery business; Paul, George, and Mary, all of whom reside at home.

FREDERICK GOEHRING, one of the leading and substantial business men of West Newton, Pennsylvania, was born February 21, 1871, the son of Martin and Mary (Hunker) Goehring, who were both natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, where they were reared in humble circumstances. After their marriage, they emigrated to the United States, locating at Hunkers Station. After a short time they removed to West Newton, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Martin Goehring was a laborer, and was variously occupied after he came to this country. Mrs. Goehring is still living. Their children were: Christian, engaged in the livery business at West Newton; Martin, a clerk in West Newton; Mary, wife of George P. Buidier, West New-





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ton; John G., a druggist; Frederick, of whom later; William L., a merchant; and Anna.

Frederick Goehring was reared in West Newton and acquired his education in the public schools of that place. When twenty years of age he entered the employ of Frederick Schoaf in the foundry business in West Newton, remaining there some eight years, and was for a short time employed in the coal company's store. However, Mr. Goehring decided to enter in business for himself, so he formed a partnership with Henry A. McLain and they established a furniture business. Their business increased so rapidly during the succeeding four years that they were obliged to remove to more commodious quarters. They established themselves in the Weimer building, where they have a large, attractive salesroom. From the outset the business has been a success, owing to the good management and general fair dealing which have characterized all their transactions. The proprietors are certainly to be congratulated upon their well-deserved patronage. Politically Mr. Goehring is a staunch Democrat, and strongly advocates the principles of that party. He is a member of the K. O. T. M., and in matters of religion he accords with the doctrines of the Lutheran church, of which he is a regular and consistent attendant. April 9, 1896, Frederick Goehring married Martha B. McLain, daughter of Henry A. McLain, and their children are: Cynthia Dorothy and Albert McLain.

W. S. BUMBAUGH, president of the Monessen Foundry and Machine Company, and prominently identified with several other important enterprises, although not yet forty years old, has worked his way forward to the position of affluence he now occupies among the leading business men of Westmoreland county, solely through his own personal efforts, and he is one of the few men whose past records actually justify this application of that honorable distinction.

Born in Morgantown, West Virginia, October 26, 1866, son of James and Isabelle (Peterson) Bumbaugh, W. S. Bumbaugh was deprived of a mother's care at the tender age of eighteen months, and confided to the care of his sister, who resided in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. It seems, however, to have been preordained by the inevitable degree of destiny that young Bumbaugh should work out his own salvation without the aid of parent or kindred, as when he was eight years old his sister was summoned to her final resting place, and the boy was, therefore, thrown absolutely upon his own inherent resources to obtain sustenance and education as best he could. That he was equal to the emergency and that he fully accomplished the arduous task, so harshly meted out to him by destiny, is amply attested by the success he has already attained, which, considering the almost insurmountable obstacles he was forced to overcome, seems little less than phenomenal. After the death of his sister, which occurred in 1874, young Bumbaugh set out with a will to master the somewhat difficult proposition of supporting himself, beginning by selling newspapers, and subsequently accepting eagerly any other honest employment that would contribute toward securing an existence. At the age of twelve years he entered the foundry department of the National Tube Company's works at McKeesport as an apprentice and there obtained the knowledge and experience which ultimately enabled him to promote and establish the industrial enterprise of which he is now the official head. After mastering the foundry business in its entirety he withdrew from the employ of the National Tube Company in order to acquire additional experience in other parts

of the country under different conditions, and having accomplished his object, his next move was to obtain an opportunity of using his knowledge and ability for his own advancement. Coming to Monessen in 1898, he was soon able to secure capital sufficient to organize the Monessen Foundry and Machine Company, of which he was chosen president, an enterprise which has been successful from the start. This concern, which was originally located at the West End, moved its plant in 1903 to the East End, where it occupies an area of three acres, and in addition to carrying on an extensive general foundry business it gives its particular attention to the manufacture of certain kinds of machinery for which it is provided with special facilities. At the present time it employs a force of one hundred and twenty-five hands, and there is a large and constantly increasing demand for the products of both departments. Although the Monessen Foundry and Machine Company naturally occupies his principal attention, Mr. Bumbaugh is interested financially and officially in several other enterprises, being vice-president of the First National Bank of Monessen, second vice-president of the Monessen Savings and Trust Company, president of the Monessen Opera Company, and vice-president of the Grand View Cemetery Association, all of which he assisted in organizing. He is one of the incorporators and largely interested in the "Grand View Plan" (so called), a real estate enterprise which purchased a tract of thirty-five acres lying in the western part of the borough and has divided it into house lots. He is also otherwise interested in the development of real estate in Monessen, and has erected several fine dwelling houses as an investment. Aside from his interest in developing the natural resources of Monessen and expanding its industries, he is actively concerned in the public affairs of the borough, having served as a member of the council since 1899, and in 1904 was chosen president of that body. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Monessen Lodge, No. 773, B. P. O. E. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Bumbaugh married, November 4, 1890, Dora Taylor, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (McFarland) Taylor, of McKeesport. They have two children, Hazel and Carl Bumbaugh.

HARRY R. PORE, manager and editor of the *Monessen Daily Independent*, and president of the borough council, is a representative of an old and highly estimable Westmoreland county family. He is a son of Jacob and Sarah Ann (Miller) Pore, and his ancestors on both sides were among the pioneer tillers of the soil in this section of the state. His paternal grandparents, Adam and Margaret (Lobinger) Pore, resided in South Huntingdon township, and his mother was born in Mount Pleasant, daughter of William Miller, of that township. His father in early life followed the carpenter's trade and was a well-known building contractor in South Huntingdon, West Newton and adjacent townships. He finally relinquished that business and turned his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He owned a farm of one hundred and six acres in South Huntingdon township, known as the old Snyder place, the fertility of which he greatly improved, making it one of the most valuable pieces of agricultural property in that section of the county. Being naturally domestic in his habits he preferred the peace and tranquility of a simple life and took special delight in devoting his attention wholly to the care of his homestead and the welfare of his family. In his younger days he was a member of the old Sewickley Presbyterian church, but afterward united with the same denomination in West Newton. Jacob Pore died in 1890, aged sixty-five years. His widow is still living and resides in West Newton. Jacob and

Sarah Ann (Miller) Pore were the parents of seven children, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: William H., deceased; Charles S., a hardware merchant in Monessen; Luella, residing in West Newton; Harry R., of whom later; Blanche E., wife of L. S. Shupe, who is in the hardware business in Monessen; and Josiah M., a resident of West Newton.

Harry R. Pore was born in South Huntingdon township, July, 1872. He pursued his preliminary studies in the public schools, was a graduate from the Northern Indiana Normal school at Valparaiso in 1899, and from King's School of Oratory, in 1900. Endowed by nature with elocutionary ability of a high order, which was enhanced and perfected by the careful training received at the above mentioned school of oratory, he decided to utilize his talents as a means of obtaining a livelihood, and joining the ranks of public entertainers as a monologue artist he toured through the western states with gratifying success, providing unassisted an entire entertainment which was invariably received with excellent satisfaction, emphasized with vociferous applause. But physical exhaustion resulting from constant travel, together with the long continued strain to which the nervous system of a public entertainer is necessarily subjected, at length compelled him to relinquish that calling and seek a less arduous occupation. Accordingly he turned his attention to journalism and in July, 1901, he established the Monessen *Daily Independent*, of which he became both manager and editor. Having succeeded in placing his journalistic enterprise upon a secure financial basis he determined to control, as far as possible, the newspaper business of this locality, and with that end in view he successfully arranged in 1903 for the consolidation of his paper with the Monessen *Weekly Leader*, extinguishing the name of the latter and issuing the united organs under the name of the *Independent*. The Monessen *Daily Independent* entered its enlarged field of usefulness under the control of a stock company with A. M. Wyant as president, Frank Bumer as secretary and treasurer, and Harry R. Pore as manager and editor. Typographically it presents an attractive appearance, and in its editorial policy and ideas it is optimistic, progressive, keenly alive to the conditions within its environments and absolutely without prejudice in its discussion of the important issues of the day. Its circulation is large, which, together with its popularity, establishes beyond question its value as an advertising medium. It generally appears, unless enlarged to meet the contingencies of some extraordinary occasion, in four six column pages, which contain all the latest news, foreign, domestic, local, etc., with such selected matter from exchanges and other sources as is deemed interesting to its readers. In politics, or "profession of faith," as some newspaper wag has humorously called it, it advocates the principles of Independent Republicanism. Although not the youngest newspaper men in the state, Mr. Pore is certainly entitled to be considered as one of the youngest managing editors within its borders, and his future advancement in his chosen field of usefulness is exceedingly promising. Nor is his activity confined solely to his profession as he takes a profound interest in local public affairs, and at the present time is serving with marked ability as president of the borough council.

On October 15, 1902, Mr. Pore was united in marriage at the Second Presbyterian church, Pittsburg, by the Rev. Edwin S. Young, with Louise M. Wagner, who was a schoolmate at the Northern Indiana Normal school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wagner, of Kilbourn City, Wisconsin.

**WILLIAM FRANTZ.** The family represented in Monessen by William Frantz was brought to this side of the Atlantic by an emigrant from Ger-

many who founded the Frantz settlement near Leechburg, Pennsylvania. Peter Frantz was a resident of this settlement, but whether the founder or not does not appear.

Henry Lewis Frantz, son of Peter Frantz, spent his boyhood in his native place and subsequently went to Pittsburg where he engaged in boating. Later he had charge of a wharf and also of the coal shipments, and some time after purchased a large tract of land five miles above McKeesport, where he engaged in farming. A number of years later he divided this property into different farms which he sold, and then retired to McKeesport where he is still living. He is a man of the highest moral rectitude and has always been a Republican in politics. He was for many years a member of the Presbyterian church, but latterly connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Mr. Frantz married Sarah McCain, and they were the parents of two sons: William Shirwell, mentioned hereafter; and James, who lives in the west. After the death of his wife Mr. Frantz married Elizabeth Actor, and by this marriage is the father of another son, Ulysses Grant, who is a resident of Dakota.

William Shirwell Frantz, son of Henry Lewis and Sarah J. (McCain) Frantz, was born June 27, 1849, and has spent the greater part of his life in McKeesport where he is engaged in the insurance business. He married Sarah Ann Snyder, and the following children have been born to them: William, mentioned hereafter; Laura, died in childhood; Robert, superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance Company at Tarentum, Pennsylvania; Jennie, resides at home; George, a clerk in the auditor's office of the United States Steel Company, of Pittsburg; Edward, a mercantile clerk; and Harry, a clerk in the shipping department of the Seamless Tube Works, McKeesport. The two last named reside at home.

William Frantz, son of William Shirwell and Sarah Ann (Snyder) Frantz, was born May 14, 1870. He attended the public schools and then entered the service of Samuel Goldman, clothier. Later he was employed by Max Bachman, who was in the same line of business, and with whom he remained until coming to Monessen to engage in business on his own account. August 1, 1903, in partnership with James K. Boyd, he established the firm of Frantz & Boyd, clothiers, furnishers and hatters, starting with about eight thousand dollars worth of stock which has since been increased to fifteen thousand. Their stock and accommodations would do credit to a city much larger than Monessen. Mr. Frantz is master of his calling in each and every department, and is thoroughly equipped for the successful handling of the business in any field in which he might be placed. He was one of the founders of the five and ten cent store at Donora and is now one of the firm, which is known as that of Jack & Company, and is under the management of Frank Jack. Mr. Frantz is a member of Monessen Lodge, No. 638, Free and Accepted Masons, and McKeesport Chapter, No. 285. He also belongs to Monessen Aerie, No. 492, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Frantz married, October 27, 1891, Ida May, daughter of Moses and Felicia Dias, of Webster, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one child, William Byron Frantz.

JAMES KELLY BOYD. Although a resident of Westmoreland county James Kelly Boyd, of Monessen, belongs by birth and descent to Allegheny county. He is a son of J. K. and Margaret (Wyland) Boyd, and was born December 13, 1871, in Allegheny City, where he was reared and educated. His father died in 1879, aged forty-two, and his mother survives.

Mr. Boyd's first employment was in the capacity of office boy for James W. Drape, of Pittsburg, and his next was with the U. P. Railroad, whence he passed to the service of the C. A. Railroad, where he remained several years in the capacity of clerk. He then associated himself with the W. Dewees Wood Company, of McKeesport, with whom he remained eight years. At the end of that time he entered the service of the United States Steel Company, retiring some years after as head bookkeeper. He then turned his attention to the clothing business, formed a partnership with William Frantz, and in 1903 they established their present business in Monessen. Mr. Boyd is a member of Monessen Lodge, No. 638, Free and Accepted Masons, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 492, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 773, the Versailles Council, No. 238, Royal Arcanum, of McKeesport, and the Improved Order of Heptasophs, No. 81, also of McKeesport. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Monessen, No. 168. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church, of Monessen. Mr. Boyd married, February 22, 1893, Susan, daughter of John and Mary Toy, of Pittsburg.

E. M. MOYER, founder and senior member of the E. M. Moyer Company, jewelers, of Monessen, is of German origin, his grandfather, Frederick Moyer, having immigrated from Germany early in the last century and settled in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. His father, Enoch Moyer, was a native of Mifflin county, as is also his mother, who was before marriage Catherine Baker.

Enoch Moyer was a tailor by trade but relinquished that occupation in order to engage in agriculture, and he resided upon a farm in Lewistown, Mifflin county, for the remainder of his life, which terminated in August, 1866, one month prior to the birth of his youngest child, E. M. Moyer, the principal subject of this sketch. His widow is still living. Enoch and Catherine (Baker) Moyer reared a family of four children, namely: Henry K., a retired farmer of Edgar, Illinois; Howard, a live-stock dealer in Kansas City, Missouri; Lizzie, wife of J. E. Harman, of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, and E. M., of Monessen.

Born in Lewistown, September 26, 1866, E. M. Moyer began his studies in the public schools and completed his education at an academy. At the age of fourteen years he entered the telegraph service of the Pennsylvania railroad as an apprentice, and having acquired proficiency as an operator he followed that business for about fourteen years, during which time he was employed by different railroad companies in various parts of the country, notably in Elk Garden, West Virginia, where for a period of eight years he acted as operator for the West Virginia Central, which was subsequently absorbed by the Wabash system. Relinquishing telegraphy he accepted a position as travelling salesman for a Philadelphia mercantile house (H. Goldsmith), with which he remained some two years. In 1901 he engaged in the jewelry business at Monessen, establishing the E. M. Moyer Company, which he owns. They occupy a centrally located store, forty-eight by twenty-two feet, and in addition to carrying the largest and most complete stock of jewelry and kindred articles, they maintain a fully equipped repairing department, replete with every facility in the way of stock, appliances, artisans, etc., for executing with neatness and despatch the simplest as well as the most intricate work known to the jeweler's art. Since locating in Monessen Mr. Moyer has become widely and favorably known both in business and social circles. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Eagles, Lodge No. 492. In 1891 he was

united in marriage with Miss Flora McKinley, daughter of William and Anna McKinley, of Lonaconing, Maryland. Their children are: Vira, Vesta, Frederick, Bettie and Flora.

SAMUEL S. JONES, a highly esteemed business man of Monessen, residing in Belle Vernon, is a son of George W. and Eliza J. (Minehart) Jones, of Bridgeport, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and a grandson of Samuel Jones, the latter a native of Virginia, who settled in Greene county, this state.

George W. Jones located in early life at Bridgeport, where he followed the business of a distiller, and was a progressive, public-spirited citizen. His death occurred March 24, 1886, at the age of fifty-four years. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Royal Arcanum. Besides his widow, who is still residing in Bridgeport, he is survived by three children, namely: George W., a resident of Bridgeport and a travelling salesman for T. C. Jenkins, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth J., unmarried; and Samuel S., of whom later.

Samuel S. Jones was born in Bridgeport, January 7, 1874. Having concluded his studies at the age of sixteen years he entered, as an apprentice, a window-glass factory, where he acquired the art of glass-blowing, and he was engaged in that industry some nine years. He then became a travelling salesman for the Canfield Oil Company of Cleveland, Ohio, his field of operation embracing western Pennsylvania, southeastern West Virginia and a portion of Ohio, and he travelled in the interest of that concern for about three years. In 1902 he located permanently in Monessen, where he became associated with D. A. Miller under the firm name of the Monessen Paint and Glass Company. Withdrawing from that firm a year later he established himself in business alone as a dealer in ornamental mantels, tile work, fireplace, furniture and fixtures, and other fancy decorative materials. In addition to handling these goods as merchandise he takes contracts for adjusting mantels, etc., the laying of tile floors, walks and other ornamental work throughout western Pennsylvania, being about the only one engaged in that line of business in this section of the state. Mr. Jones is a member of the Masonic Order and the Royal Arcanum. He was married January 22, 1896, to Lee Anna Lenhart, daughter of William C. Lenhart, of Fayette City, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two sons, William S. and George W.

ROBERT TAYLOR, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Bosler) Taylor, was born near Turtle Creek, Allegheny county, September 3, 1829. He was one of a large family, but four of whom are still living: Edward, residing at the old homestead; James, also at the homestead; Elizabeth, living with her brothers on the farm; Joseph, living near Long Run Church, Allegheny county. Isaac Taylor, father of Robert Taylor, was born and reared in Allegheny county. Upon reaching manhood he located at Turtle Creek, where he managed a hotel for many years, meanwhile acquiring valuable farm lands. Later he retired from the hotel business and settled on one of his farms, where he spent the remainder of his years.

Robert Taylor grew up at home, acquiring his education in the common schools. At the age of eighteen or twenty he engaged in the tanning business in the vicinity of Greensburg. He carried on this business for a number of years, and then came to West Newton and engaged in the lumber and the grain business, in which he prospered, having excellent business qualifications. In 1895, in company with W. S. Van Dyke and S. C. Weimer, he organized the





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banking firm of Van Dyke, Weimer and Taylor, which became the leading banking institution of this section of the county. They sold the business to the First National Bank in 1899. In politics Mr. Taylor was a staunch Republican, and served nine years as a school director, but refused other offices which were tendered him. He was a public-spirited citizen and was ever active in any movement to promote the business welfare of West Newton. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and its treasurer for many years. He married, March 18, 1856, Sidney Markle, a daughter of General Joseph and Elizabeth (Lloyd) Markle. They had four children, two of whom survive: Ada B., wife of Dr. L. B. Sutton, of West Newton; and Caroline, wife of W. S. Van Dyke, a banker, of Pittsburg. Robert Taylor died in January, 1899. Mrs. Taylor still resides at West Newton.

REBECCA GREENAWALT, nee McGrew, is the daughter of Archibald and Susanna (Gilbert) McGrew, both of Quaker stock. She is one of three children surviving of eleven. Her father, the son of James McGrew, was born in Sewickley township, and lived there throughout his life. He was a farmer and one of the well-known men of that section of the county. Politically he was a Democrat, but took no active part in political affairs; in his religious faith he was a Quaker.

In 1860 Rebecca McGrew married Jacob W. Greenawalt, second son of Henry Greenawalt. He was born in Westmoreland county, October 27, 1837, and attended the common schools of that county, then entered Union College, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. He went west after leaving college and began to read law, and was admitted to the bar at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. In the spring of the year 1860 he returned home and November 22, 1860, was admitted to the practice of law in the several courts of Westmoreland county. Early in April of the following year he entered into a law partnership with James H. Hunter, Esq., a member of the Greensburg bar. A few days after, April 17, 1861, in response to a call from the president for 75,000 men, he, with Richard Coulter (afterward colonel of the Eleventh Regiment), raised a company which became Company I, Eleventh Regiment. He was elected second lieutenant, was subsequently promoted to first lieutenant, and was mustered out of service with his company August 1, 1861. Immediately after his return home he energetically set about raising a company for three years' service, and this company was mustered into the army as Company E, One Hundred and Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers. Upon the promotion of Captain Dick to the rank of major of the regiment, Lieutenant Greenawalt was raised to captain, September 20, 1861, and on the resignation of Major Dick, he was promoted to major, November 29, 1862. His next promotion was to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, May 4, 1863, and he was with his regiment through all the battles in which it participated. He was wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, and while in command of his regiment at the battle of the Wilderness, fell mortally wounded, May 4, 1864, and died a few days after, May 17, 1864. His remains were brought home and interred with military honors in the presence of a great concourse of his old friends and neighbors at Mars Hill, a quiet country churchyard. He left a widow to mourn his untimely end but no children. Colonel Greenawalt was immensely popular with his men, treating them with kindness and consideration, and avoiding all display of authority or the use of harsh language, which too often fell upon the ears of the private soldier. He had the warm esteem of his fellow-officers and the confidence of his superiors. Brigadier General Graham, in a letter to Governor Curtin asking for the pro-

motion of Major Greenawalt to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in his regiment, speaks of his conduct at the battle of Chancellorsville, saying, "he exhibited the firmness and knowledge of a veteran." One who knew him well says of him, "he was an earnest, brave, patriotic man, knowing no fear and entering into whatever he did with his whole soul—the longer he was known the more was he respected and beloved, in all the relations of life." Colonel Greenawalt was a consistent Christian, a worshipper in the Baptist church. His widow is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, an accomplished woman who is held in great esteem within the circle of her friends and acquaintances.

**JOHN PALANAFSKY.** One of the progressive business men of Westmoreland county, an industrious, useful citizen, and a man prominently and actively interested in community affairs, is John Palanafsky, proprietor of the Hotel Andrews, at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania. He was born in Austria, May, 1867, and when a lad of some thirteen years emigrated to this country with his parents, Michael and Katie Palanafsky. His father is a resident of Mount Pleasant, making his home with his son John.

John Palanafsky received his education in the public schools of Westmoreland county, and on leaving the school room, entered into his first regular employment in the mines in Pennsylvania, remaining there until 1894. He was then for a time in the employ of the Mount Pleasant Brewing Company, and in 1897 he engaged in the hotel business in Mammoth, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, remaining there for two years and seven months. In 1901 Mr. Palanafsky purchased the Hotel Andrew at Mount Pleasant. This hotel is a three story structure, located on Main street near the depot. It is a first-class house and accommodates thirty-two guests. Politically Mr. Palanafsky is a Democrat. He is one of the enterprising citizens of the borough, and is ever willing and anxious to lend his assistance to any enterprise for the good of the public. He is a member of the I. O. R. M., No. 337, and the Eagles, No. 493. In matters of religion, he is a devout member of the Catholic church. He married, in 1890, Kate Babrura, and their children were: Thomas, Katie, Joseph, John and Alice.

**JOSEPH E. NEWCOMER.** The grandfather of Joseph E. Newcomer, of Monessen, was Christian Newcomer, a farmer, who went from Maryland to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and settled in Tyrone township. His son, David M. Newcomer, spent his life in Fayette county, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the Christian church. David M. Newcomer married Mary E. Walter, and they were the parents of three sons: William W., president of the Newcomer School of Expression of Lima College, of Lima, Ohio; Lawrence O., pastor of the Christian church at Eaton, Indiana; and Joseph E., mentioned hereafter. Mr. Newcomer died August 8, 1903, and his widow resides with her son Joseph E. At the time of his death Mr. Newcomer was sixty-five years old.

Joseph E. Newcomer, son of David M. and Mary E. (Walter) Newcomer, was born August 8, 1876, on the homestead, near Dawson, Fayette county, where he received his primary education in the public schools, afterward attending Redstone Academy, Uniontown, and Mount Union College, Ohio. Later he entered the classical department of the Ohio Northern University, whence he graduated in 1897. He then engaged for two years in teaching, and in 1898 took a business course. He was five years in the school at Ada, taking a thorough course in military tactics, and leaving with the rank of



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lieutenant-colonel, the highest honor which it is in the power of the school to confer. The first school of which he had charge was his home country school in Fayette county and he was for several years vice-principal of the New Haven public schools. In the autumn of 1898 he took up his abode in Monessen as principal of the schools of that place, a position which he filled for three years, resigning at the end of that time in order to engage in the real estate business. He formed a partnership with Jesse S. Cook, under the firm name of Newcomer & Cook, real estate agents, and on August 1, 1903, sold out to Luce & Sutman. April 1, 1904, he entered into partnership with Eli H. Wolf, under the firm name of Newcomer & Wolf, successors to Mitchell & Myers who had established the business some two years previously. The present firm carries on a general land agency, limited to Monessen. They have erected several residence properties during the last year, and expect to construct in 1905 at least half a dozen. Aside from this, Mr. Newcomer has erected personally some seven properties. The firm also handles all kinds of insurance, including fire, life and accident. They have the exclusive management of the business of the Monessen Improvement Company, which is of considerable scope and embraces a large amount of property, and are also special agents for the Essen plan of lots. They do no little business in placing loans on mortgages, and Mr. Newcomer being a notary public, are prepared to execute all legal papers. He is a director in the People's National Bank of Monessen, and was appointed executor of his father's estate, which is of considerable magnitude, lying chiefly in Fayette county. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is an elder in the Disciple church of Monessen, also serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Newcomer married, September 10, 1902, Esther N., daughter of John A. and Martha Hunter, the former an attorney at Fort Recovery, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer have had one child, Clyde H., who died at the age of three months.

ALLEN P. MUSICK. The family of which Allen P. Musick, of Monessen, is a member belongs to Westmoreland county. Samuel Musick married Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham Brinker, also of this county, and among their children was a son, Allen P., mentioned hereafter. Mr. and Mrs. Musick are now residents of Lycippus.

Allen P. Musick, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Brinker) Musick, was born April 14, 1872, near Hannestown, where he received the greater part of his education in the common schools, finishing with one term at Greensburg Seminary. After leaving school he entered the service of the Farmers' Trading Company, with which he was connected for some ten years. During that period he advanced to be head of the force and for several years had charge of the Hosteller store. During the two last years he was virtually manager of both the Hosteller and Whitney stores of the company, thus gaining a large and varied experience which has proved of much benefit to him in his own personal business. In 1901 he left this position and went to Monessen and October 3, 1901, he opened a grocery and provision store on Schoonmaker avenue, and is still carrying on the business on the same site. He purchased the property, this providing himself with a residence and a place of business. His stock is one of the best selected in the borough and he has built up a flourishing trade. When he established the business he was associated with his brother under the firm name of Musick Brothers, and the partnership was continued until February, 1903, when Mr. Musick bought out his brother's interest and has since conducted the business alone. He is one of the board of directors

of the People's National Bank of Monessen, and was elected first president of Merchants' Exchange, also of Monessen. He belongs to the I. O. O. H.; also the F. and A. M., of Monessen. He is a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church and also superintendent of the Sunday school. He was elected to the office of councilman from the third ward for a term of three years. Mr. Musick married, September 17, 1894, May, daughter of W. J. and Deborah Peterson, of Ligonier, and they have two children: William S., and Merle Wilfred Musick.

CLARENCE W. GREER. One of the old families of Penn township is that represented by Clarence W. Greer, of Monessen. He is a son of Joseph Collins and Jennie E. Greer, and was born November 24, 1875, in Lumber City, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania.

He received his education in the schools of Johnstown. His first employment was with the B. White Coal Mining Company at Anita, Pennsylvania, whom he served as bookkeeper and manager of the company's store, positions which he retained for six years. He then went to Nansen, Elk county, where he became one of a firm conducting a general store of which he had the management for a year or more. At the end of that time he sold out his interest, went to Monessen and formed a partnership with his two brothers, W. S. and J. C. Greer, under the firm name of Greer Brothers. In April, 1903, they purchased the general merchandise business which had been established in 1897 by Shuster Brothers. They carry the heaviest stock in this line in Monessen, occupying two rooms and employing a small army of clerks. They make the grocery department the main feature of the establishment, and are doing a large and increasing business. Their store is situated on Schoonmaker avenue. The active member of the firm is Mr. Greer, he having charge of the conduct of the entire business. Mr. Greer married, May 12, 1896, Mary, daughter of J. L. McKeerer, of Irwin, and they have three children: Lois E., J. Collins, and Janice M. Mr. Greer and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

HARRY J. BEARER, a resident of Monessen, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and member of the firm of H. J. Bearer & Company, at 449-451 Danver avenue, was born in Carrollstown, Cambria county, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1875, a son of John G. C. and Magdalena (Hopple) Bearer, and grandson of Francis Bearer, a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country, and resided in Berks county for a few years, later locating permanently in Cambria county, where he followed the occupation of a farmer, and subsequently became the owner of considerable property.

John G. C. Bearer (father) is a resident and retired farmer of Spangler, Cambria county, where he was born and reared. He is an active Democrat, and a devout member of the Roman Catholic church. He married Magdalena Hopple, and of their children the following named are those now living: Frank, a farmer of Carrollstown; Elmira, wife of E. M. Binder, of Barnesboro; Etta, a nun of the Benedictine order, located at Carrollstown; Harry, mentioned hereafter; Fannie, wife of J. J. McCormick, of Spangler; Augusta, wife of William M. Gordon, of Barnesboro; Adda and Edith, reside at home; and Ralph, employed by his brother Harry J. as clerk. Mrs. Bearer, the mother of these children, died December 31, 1888.

Harry J. Bearer obtained his educational training in the public schools and convent at Carrollstown, and at the age of fifteen years went to Charleroi,

where he learned the trade of tinner and roofer. After one year's residence in the latter place he removed to Altoona, Pennsylvania, and there completed his trade, and remained for four years. His next removal was to Barnesboro, where he engaged in the conduct of a hardware store for E. M. Binder, continuing until August, 1900, when he went to Monessen. Upon his arrival in Monessen he formed a partnership with Mr. E. M. Binder, and they entered into the tinning and roofing business, being the successors of George Dinkle. The business was continued in this way until the spring of 1905, when they added a full line of shelf and heavy hardware, paints, oils, house furnishings, etc. They also have a large trade in ceilings and cornices. This is one of the largest and most successful stores of its kind in this part of the country. He is one of the active and prominent Republicans of Monessen, and is interested in all community affairs. He has served as member of the Republican county committee, member of the school board of Monessen, and was for three years chief of the Monessen fire department. Fraternally he holds membership in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 773, and is a charter member of same; Knights of Columbus, No. 604, Beaver Valley Council. December 28, 1904, Mr. Bearer married Theresa Lynch, daughter of John Lynch, of Cleveland, Ohio. They are members of the Roman Catholic church, and their residence is at 124 McKee avenue, Monessen.

DR. JOSEPH H. RICHIE was born in Richland county, Ohio, October 26, 1836, a son of Andrew A. and Jane (Marshal) Richie. He is one of eight children, six of whom survive, namely: Sarah J., widow of Charles Voals, of Findley; Rev. William M., a minister of a United Presbyterian church in Iowa; Andrew, Los Angeles, California; Dr. Joseph H., of whom later; George, engaged in the fruit business in Florida; Margaret, wife of Andrew Gibson, Des Moines, Iowa.

The paternal grandfather of Dr. Richie was a native of Ireland, a school teacher, who came to America about 1798, locating at Mount Braddock, Pennsylvania, and went to work at the furnace. Later he removed to Ohio and purchased a farm in Richland county, Ohio, where he lived during the remainder of his life.

Andrew A. Richie, father of Dr. Richie, was born in 1798, at Mt. Braddock, Pennsylvania, shortly after his parents emigrated from Ireland. He was reared in Richland county, Ohio, and when he reached his majority adopted agriculture as his means of livelihood. He was a staunch Democrat up to the time of the civil war, when he became a Republican, a bosom friend of John T. Sherman. He was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church. He died in Richland county at the advanced age of eighty-one years, while his wife survived him some years, dying in her ninety-third year. They are both buried at Ontario, Richland county, Ohio, where they were living at the time of their death.

Joseph H. Richie was reared in his native place, and acquired his education in the common schools and the Haysville Academy. At the first call for troops in the civil war he enlisted in the service, March 14, 1861, enlisting in Company H, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteers. After the expiration of his hundred day service he re-enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Second Regiment for three years or until the close of the war. In this regiment he served for some nine months, meanwhile having been made sergeant of the company, then was transferred to Company I, One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment, as hospital steward. Some twenty-two months later he was mustered out as

hospital steward with the promise of a commission as second lieutenant, when the regiment was captured by "Dick" Taylor and was taken to Texas and held prisoners until the close of the war. He had gained some knowledge of medicine during his hospital service, and finding it much to his liking he took up the study under Dr. J. W. Craig, of Ontario, Ohio. After spending some time with him he entered the Western Reserve Medical College, of Cleveland, Ohio, whence he graduated in the spring of the year, 1867. He then practiced for one year with his preceptor, and in June, 1868, removed to West Newton, where he practiced for eighteen years. He then located at the mining town of New England, Allegheny county, where he continued for seven or eight years, and next settled in Sutersville, where he has been located during the past twelve years. He is one of the most widely-known physicians of the county, and is a member of the K. of P., and the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican, but has had no time to spare from the demands of his profession to take an active interest in politics. Dr. Richie married (first) in 1868, Jennie Anderson, of Shelby, Ohio; she died twelve years after her marriage, leaving no children. He married (second) Nancy Mesner, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Five children were born to them: Jennie, Joseph, Clara, Margaret and Ada Richie, all of whom are still living at home.

DR. WILLIAM FULTON PEAIRS was born at Mendon, Westmoreland county, November 21, 1865, son of John W. and Dinah (Boyd) Peairs, one of five children, three of whom survive: John B., of Elizabeth township, this county; Sarah C., wife of Daniel W. Weddell, of Boston, Pennsylvania; and William F., of whom later. The family is of Dutch descent, the grandfather of William F., Elisha Peairs, having come to this country from Holland. His son, John W., was born in Elizabeth township, in 1808, and was reared to a farm life. He adopted that calling, and sometime in the thirties removed to Mendon, where he purchased a farm and resided upon it until about 1874, when he removed to Elizabeth township. He bought a farm there but later retired from active management, turning the work over to his sons. He died in 1884, at the age of seventy-six years. While never an office seeker, he was a staunch Democrat in politics. He was a Christian gentleman and a member of the United Presbyterian church. His wife, Dinah, born in 1827, in Allegheny county, was the daughter of John Boyd, a farmer of Elizabeth township. She died April 13, 1905; she had made her home with Dr. Peairs during the latter years of her life.

William F. Peairs was reared in his native place, attended the common schools, then the State Normal school, at California, Pennsylvania, after which he matriculated at Wooster University, at Wooster, Ohio. After finishing his course there he taught in the public schools, and meantime began to read medicine. In 1889 he gave up teaching and continued his medical studies under the preceptorship of Dr. J. W. Malone, of Blythedale, Pennsylvania, now of Brooklyn, New York. In the fall of the year 1890 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Maryland, whence he graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1892. He located in Sutersville, Pennsylvania, in the same year, practicing for one year in partnership with Dr. J. N. McCune. He then purchased the practice and the residence of Dr. McCune, and in the intervening years has built up a constantly increasing practice. He is president of the board of health, vice-president of the First National Bank, a member of Blythe Lodge, No. 503, F. and A. M.; Duquesne Chapter, No. 193, R. A. M.; Ascalon Commandery, No. 59, of Pittsburg, and of Grace Lodge, No. 405,



K. of P. His political sympathies are towards the Republican party. Dr. Peairs married, October, 1896, Bertha Franklin, a daughter of H. E. Franklin, of Suterville, by whom he has two children, Clyde and Edith Peairs.

**CLIFFORD FAMILY.** Four families named, respectively, Prichett, Meharg, Parks and Clifford, came to Ligonier valley in one delegation, before the revolution. They all came from the one section in New Jersey, and the Cliffords prior to that came from England. Charles Clifford was the head of the family in Westmoreland county, and took up about four hundred acres of land on which he lived as a farmer during the remainder of his life. This land was on Mill Creek, about two and a half miles northeast of the present borough of Ligonier. The story of his capture by the Indians and also of the shooting of an Indian by his son James, has been told among the Indian tales in the first volume of this series. Charles was a soldier in the war of the revolution, his name being found on a miscellaneous list of soldiers of that war, called the "Original Depreciation Pay List," on file among the public records at Harrisburg. After securing his release from the Indians, he returned to his family and remained there until his death in 1815. His remains were interred in Fort Palmer cemetery. In Ligonier valley Charles Clifford married a woman named Gordon, and their children were: Jane, married John Menoher; Sarah, married Robert Reed; Edward; Charles, married Miss Lytle, from whom is descended the Lockport Cliffords. Mary, married Joseph Whitesides; James, married Mary Rogers. It was he who shot the Indian near Fort Ligonier. He and his wife are buried in Fort Palmer cemetery; Joseph, of whom later; Thomas, married Catherine Lawson, and from them is descended Colonel John Clifford, who built Oak Grove Furnace, and was elsewhere engaged in the iron industry in Ligonier valley.

Joseph Clifford, son of Charles Clifford, was born in New Jersey, May 15, 1764, died in the Ligonier valley, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1841, aged seventy-seven years and twenty-five days. He was but a lad when brought by his father to the Ligonier valley, and he spent his life on the farm which has been in the possession of the family since April 22, 1772. The house which he built, with some improvements, is yet standing, and is now the residence of his grandson, Abram B. Clifford. About 1792 he married Isabella Prichett, born December 31, 1772, died June 23, 1855. She was a daughter of one of the four families referred to above. They had become tired of their home in Ligonier valley, presumably because of the Indian incursions, and had concluded to move back to New Jersey and take their daughter Isabella with them. On the night before they were to start, Joseph Clifford took Isabella across the hills to Squire James Pollock's place, at present the Stark place, where they were married and Isabella remained a citizen of the valley until her death. Their children were: 1. Mary, born February 17, 1793; married (first) Samuel Riddle, and after his death (second) John Taylor. She died December 11, 1875. 2. Charles, born April 5, 1795, died April 19, 1833, unmarried. 3. Sarah, born February 17, 1797, married Charles Menoher, died December 4, 1850. 4. William, born September 19, 1799, died unmarried, August 12, 1855. 5. Jane, born May 4, 1802, died unmarried, October 4, 1835. 6. Rachel, born December 15, 1804, married Thomas L. Beam, and is the mother of Dr. L. T. Beam, who perished in the Johnstown flood. She died February 14, 1836. 7. Edward, born July 27, 1807, died June 2, 1886. See below. 8. Rebecca, born January 17, 1810, married William McDowell, and died May 14, 1857.

9. Ann, born April 7, 1813, married James Menoher, and died February 8, 1899.

Edward Clifford, son of Joseph and Isabella (Prichett) Clifford, was born on the Clifford homestead now occupied by his son, Abram B. Clifford, July 27, 1807, died June 2, 1886, and was buried at Fort Palmer. Throughout his life he was a farmer and stock dealer, was a man of more than ordinary powers, and became one of the wealthiest men of the valley in his day. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and was twice chosen to fill the office of tax collector. He married, March 24, 1831, Catharine Myers, born March 29, 1808, died June 8, 1871, daughter of Christopher and Barabara Myers, and their children were: Joseph, mentioned hereafter. Christopher Myers, born June 24, 1834, died April 8, 1900. Charles H., born September 17, 1836, residing in Ligonier, a farmer. Benjamin Franklin, born June 24, 1839, died November 2, 1870. Abram B., mentioned hereafter. George E., born December 5, 1843, died unmarried, February 28, 1886.

Joseph Clifford, eldest son of Edward and Catharine (Myers) Clifford, was born in Ligonier township, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1832. In his early days he was a teacher in Ligonier township, and then became a merchant in Ligonier in partnership with N. M. Marker. After that he became a stock dealer, and after the custom of that day took large droves of cattle by way of the Pittsburg and Philadelphia pike to the eastern market. Still later he shipped stock from western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Chicago, and the west to Philadelphia and New York. He was afterwards engaged in the mercantile business in New Florence, and in the hotel business in Latrobe. After retiring from business, on account of his health, he resided in Greensburg. He was a man of large build and fine personal appearance. He was a Presbyterian in religion, and was a member of Kedron Chapter and K. T., of Greensburg. He married, June 29, 1858, Ellen Blythe Bean, and their children were: Catharine Ellen, Mary Blanch, died in infancy; Lawrence B., and Josephine. Joseph Clifford died at his home in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1892, and was buried in the Valley cemetery at Ligonier. His family now reside in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Abram B. Clifford, fifth son of Edward and Catharine (Myers) Clifford, was born October 7, 1841, on the same farm which had been the birthplace of his father. He received his education in the public schools, and has always remained on the homestead, cultivating his ancestral acres and engaging in stock raising. Like his father he has always been a Democrat in politics. He married, October 27, 1868, Margaret C. Best, of Ligonier valley, daughter of William and Catherine (Campbell) Best, and their children were: 1. Edward B., married Mary Isabelle Blyth, of Wellsville, Ohio. They reside at Homestead, Pennsylvania. 2. Mary, widow of F. S. Kleindienst. 3. Nancy Maud, wife of Denny C. Marker, of Ligonier. 4. Hargnett F., of Ligonier, married Nettie McIntyre, of Wichita, Kansas. 5. Willie May, resides in Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania. 6. Simon Y., a resident of Wilkensburg. 7. Margie June, wife of Charles Robb, of Ligonier valley. 8. Paul E., resides at home. 9. Mertha, died August 18, 1888, aged four years, four months and nine days. There was also one son who died in childhood. The mother of these children, Margaret Best Clifford, died November 24, 1889, and was buried in Valley cemetery at Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD M. CLIFFORD, M. D., a leading medical practitioner of Greensburg, was born on the old Clifford homestead on Hanna's Run, Penn-



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sylvania, October 19, 1856, eldest son of Christopher Myers and Susan (McElroy) Clifford. The early genealogy of the Clifford family is given in detail in the preceding sketches.

Christopher Myers Clifford (father) was born on the old Clifford homestead, June 24, 1834. He was a farmer and stock raiser until about fifteen years before his death, when he moved to Ligonier village and there engaged in mercantile business during the remainder of his life. He married, January 3, 1856, Susan McElroy, daughter of John D. and Sarah (Menohr) McElroy, old residents of Westmoreland county. Both were earnest members of the United Presbyterian church. Their children were: Edward Marcellus, mentioned hereafter; Sarah Clara, wife of J. R. Smith, an attorney of Scottdale; John McElroy, a real estate broker and banker, a resident of Braddock, Pennsylvania; Charles Henry, a physician of Braddock, Pennsylvania; Joseph Brackley, a physician of McKeesport, Pennsylvania; Samuel James, a dentist in Kansas City, Missouri; Nelson Myers, a bookkeeper for the Westinghouse Company, in Trafford city; Georgeanna, died at the age of eighteen years. Christopher M. Clifford died April 8, 1900. His wife, Susan (McElroy) Clifford, died August 25, 1898.

Edward M. Clifford received his primary education in the common schools adjacent to his home, and from there passed to the Ligonier Academy and Independence Academy, where he pursued higher branches. He then taught for two winters in Westmoreland and Indiana counties. He read medicine with Dr. H. L. Donley, of Latrobe, and in the autumn of 1879 entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1882 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During his last year he served in the Philadelphia hospitals, thereby greatly adding to the knowledge already acquired and greatly benefitting him in many ways during his subsequent career. In the spring of 1882 he settled at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, where he practiced one year, moving thence to Scottdale, and remaining at that place until 1890. He then took up his abode in Greensburg, where he practiced until 1903, when he removed to Ligonier, having purchased what was known as the Frank hotel and cottages on the site of which he built a sanitarium and baths, establishing the Ligonier Springs Hotel Sanitarium. This he conducted for two years, acting as president of the company, also as medical director. During this time he still continued his practice in Greensburg, devoting two days in each week to his patients there. In the early part of the year 1905 he disposed of the sanitarium in Ligonier, and then resumed his residence and practice in Greensburg. He married, April 11, 1882, Kate B., daughter of Hiram and Abigail Boucher, of Ligonier. Their children were: Edna, died at the age of three years, and Grace, who is at home with her parents.

JOHN NELSON WEDDLE, M. D. One of the oldest families of Westmoreland county is that represented by Dr. John Nelson Weddle, of Monessen. One of his ancestors, in 1755, came from Hagerstown or its vicinity in Pleasant Valley, Maryland, and settled in what is now Rostraver township, Pennsylvania. He was accompanied by his son, and together the two erected a log cabin, took up land and began the work of clearing. The son remained to keep possession with dog and gun while the father returned to Maryland, and in the spring of 1756 returned with the other members of the family. The descendants of this pioneer ancestor have ever since resided in Westmoreland county.

James Weddle was born February 4, 1822, on the homestead, which was

situated on the banks of the Youghiogheny river, and was a blacksmith, following his trade at McKeesport, Reagentown and West Newton. At forty years of age he gave up the business and bought a farm in Sewickley township, which was his home until two years prior to his death when he moved to West Newton and there passed the remainder of his life. He was interested in local affairs and held various minor offices, among them that of school director. Mr. Weddle married Sarah Ann Parker, and five children were born to them: Nancy, married James Andrews, of Westmoreland county; Edward P., a physician in Scottdale; Elizabeth, married Frank Cochran, of Scottdale; John Nelson, mentioned hereafter; and Jessie M., married Ezra M. Kirk, of Greensburg. The death of Mr. Weddle occurred March 28, 1901, at his home in West Newton.

John Nelson Weddle, son of James and Sarah Ann (Parker) Weddle, was born September 3, 1858, at McKeesport, where he received his primary education in the public schools, afterward attending the Indiana State Normal school. He spent three years as civil engineer for the Negleys, of Pittsburg. He studied medicine with his brother, Dr. Edward P. Weddle, and in 1887 received from the Western Pennsylvania Medical College the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Braddock, whence in 1893 he moved to Madison, leaving that place the following year for West Newton, where he remained until 1901, when he settled in Monessen, having throughout these changes always continued to be a resident of his native state. He is surgeon for the Pittsburg Steel Company, at Monessen. He is a member of the County, State and American Medical Societies, and belongs to the Knights of Malta, Monessen Commandery, No. 332. In addition to these he is one of the charter members of Valetta Commandery, Knights of Malta, of Braddock. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Weddle married, December 26, 1889, Margaret Emma, daughter of Robert and Harriet (Weimer) Douglas, of Newton, and three children have been born to them—two daughters and a son: Lulu, Harriet, and Robert Edward.

JOHN T. SAYERS. For many years John T. Sayers has been numbered among the worthy citizens of Scottdale. He is a son of Charles and Rebecca (Wells) Sayers, who were born and reared in Baltimore county, Maryland. The former was employed as a skilled operator in rolling mills. Both are now deceased.

John T. Sayers came to Scottdale in 1880, and for a number of years was employed as weighmaster by the Everson & Macrum iron works. He then entered the service of the United States Steel Company, with whom he remained three years. He established himself in a mercantile business, in August, 1900, which he has since successfully conducted. He is active in the Baptist church, of which he has been for thirty-four years a member. About eighteen years ago he was ordained a deacon and also holds the office of president of the board of trustees. Mr. Sayers married, June, 1890, Elizabeth Strong. Mr. and Mrs. Sayers are without children.

ANDREW HAWTHORNE. Among the worthiest of Scottdale's foreign-born citizens is Andrew Hawthorne. In 1869 he emigrated from county Down, Ireland, and settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where for about two years he was variously employed. He then went to Pittsburg and for two years worked at the Eliza furnace. He moved to Scottdale in 1873, where he was employed as a blacksmith by the Charlotte Furnace Company.

Since 1895 he has been successfully engaged in mercantile business. He is a good citizen, and has served two terms as a member of the council. His political principles are those advocated and upheld by the Republican party. He is an active member of the United Presbyterian church of Scottdale, in which he was ordained an elder twenty-eight years ago, and in which for a long period he has served as a teacher in the Sunday school. Mr. Hawthorne married Mrs. Susanna McCullough, and their children were: John J., William, who died at the age of nine years; and Anna Eliza, who was four years old at the time of her death.

John J. Hawthorne, the eldest of the three children, was born August 22, 1874, and is a clerk in the service of the United States Steel Company. He married May Marshall, and they have three children: Anna Frances, born May 14, 1898; William Andrew, born August, 1899; and Elsie Merrion, born 1902.

**JACOB L. NAYHOUSE.** The ancestors of Jacob L. Nayhouse, of Monessen, belonged to that ancient people which, more deeply than any other has stamped its influence upon the governments and institutions of mankind, and which in recent years has given to the world the names of Montefiore, Disraeli and Zangwill. Mr. Nayhouse is the son of Samuel and Sarah (Sumer) Nayhouse, and was born in Poland, September, 1877. His parents are still living in their native land where his father is a hardware merchant.

After receiving a thorough education in several languages, Jacob L. Nayhouse came at the early age of fourteen to the United States. After spending eighteen months in Elmira, New York, he went to Pittsburg, and ever since has remained in this part of Pennsylvania. On coming to this county he found employment at once as a salesman, and in September, 1898, went to Monessen, in company with his brother Abraham, with whom he formed a partnership for the purpose of engaging in the clothing and shoe business. The firm was known as Nayhouse Brothers, and was the first to enter upon that line of endeavor in this borough. Under their efficient management the enterprise prospered, and the connection was maintained until January 24, 1905, when Mr. Nayhouse withdrew from the firm in order to establish himself as a shoe dealer exclusively. His place of business is in all respects one of the most thoroughly equipped to be found in western Pennsylvania, and among his specialties is the J. L. N. shoe, a style made exclusively to his order. He is the owner of good real estate in Monessen, having built several properties, all of which he endeavors to make first-class. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the B. P. O. E., the I. O. O. H., and the D. U. B. In religion he adheres to the faith of his forefathers, and is secretary of the congregation to which he belongs. Mr. Nayhouse married, January 19, 1904, Nellie C., daughter of Louis Roden, a merchant of McKeesport.

**WILLIAM D. HUNTER, M. D.,** a practicing physician of Monessen, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a native of Derry township, this county, born October 21, 1870, son of James and Martha A. (Bailey) Hunter. His father is a native of Ligonier valley, and a resident of Derry township.

William D. Hunter was reared in Westmoreland and Allegheny counties, the first six years of his life having been spent in Pittsburg. After receiving a public school education he entered the military academy at Portsmouth, Ohio, where he took a scientific course with a view to entering West Point, to which institution he received an appointment, but was barred on account of the age limit. He also had opportunity to enter Annapolis Academy, but was unable

to obtain the consent of his parents. After leaving the military school at Portsmouth he engaged in the contracting and building business with his father, and later spent three years in the machinist's trade. He decided upon a medical career, and in 1893 commenced the study of the profession under the preceptorship of Dr. L. C. Thomas, of Latrobe, and J. C. Hunter, his brother, of Apollo, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hunter entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Maryland, in October, 1897, from which he was graduated April 29, 1901. While preparing himself for a general practice Dr. Hunter made a specialty of the study of diseases of the eye and ear and also surgery. After his graduation Dr. Hunter practiced for one year under the preceptorship of his former instructors, and in the spring of 1902 located at Monessen, where he has since remained. He has established himself in an extensive and lucrative practice, and formerly held the position of surgeon to some of the mills of this section. He is medical examiner for the Pittsburgh Life & Trust Company, Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, Prudential Life Company, American Temperance Life, also some fraternal insurance companies. He is a member of the American Medical Association. He is a member of the F. and A. M., becoming a Mason at Charleroi, Pennsylvania, and is now a charter member of Monessen Lodge No. 638. A member of the A. I. O. K. M., No. 332, Monessen, K. of P., Latrobe Lodge, No. 177, and U. R. K. of P., No. 59. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the United Presbyterian church. Dr. Hunter married, October 31, 1900, Jennie C. Hill, daughter of G. W. Hill, of Derry township, this county. They have one child, William D.

MATTHEW OSBORN, proprietor of the Osborn House, was born August 25, 1836, in North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a son of George and Jane (Cowan) Osborn, one of four children, three of whom survive; Judith, wife of Jonathan W. Douthitt, of Eldorado, Kansas; Eliza, wife of Eli C. Cavitt, Lake City, Iowa; and Matthew, of whom later.

The paternal grandparents were Archibald and Judith (McWilliams) Osborn, he being a native of England and she of Protestant Irish stock, born in the north of Ireland. They were married in this country and later settled in North Huntingdon township, where they lived and died. Their homestead has passed out of the possession of the family. On the maternal side the grandparents were Joseph and Fannie (Patton) Cowan, both natives of New Jersey, born just across the line from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, their parents having immigrated from Scotland. These grandparents came into Pennsylvania during the days of Indian possession, and settled in the vicinity of what is now known as Osceola Hill, Allegheny county, others coming with them, namely: George Cowan, a brother of Joseph Cowan, and veteran of the war of 1812; Rachael and Sarah, sisters in a family of the name of Hope; one William Ekin, whose farm is still in the possession of the Ekin family, now in the fourth generation. There was one other member of the party, John Cowan, who was captured by the Indians shortly after his arrival and taken by them into the Lake Erie region, but two years later, on a trading expedition, he escaped and returned to his people.

George Osborn, son of Archibald Osborn, was born on the same farm in North Huntingdon township where Matthew Osborn was born, in 1802. In his young manhood he learned the hatters' trade, which pursuit he followed during his short life. He died at the age of thirty-three on the old home farm where he was born.



Matthew Osborn grew up in the place of his birth, attending the public schools until he had reached the age of sixteen, when he found employment as a messenger from the terminus of the Pennsylvania railroad station at Beatly Station to the old Tavern stand of Samuel Blythe, a distance of two miles, receiving ten dollars per month, and board. He continued at this for a few months, then accepted a position in a store in his home town, Jacksonville, where he worked for one year. For the next six or seven years he was in the coal mines at Coultersville, driving a mule. He went into the mines of the Yough Coal Company as a driver in 1853. Upon the breaking out of the Civil war he and his brother-in-law contracted with R. R. McQuiston and Company to haul coal to the river and load the boats, which proved a money-making undertaking. In September, 1862, he took charge of a small coal property for Scott Andrews and Company, which was incorporated with the Y. C. H. C. Company, and Mr. Osborn remained in the position of manager of the property until 1880. In 1883 he built a hotel, in company with Mr. Joseph Hough, at Smithton, but some months later he sold his interest to his partner, and in 1884 built the modern hotel building in Suterville of which he is proprietor. His hotel has the reputation of furnishing the best accommodations between McKeesport and Connellsville, and he is one of the best known men of Westmoreland county.

Mr. Osborn married, in 1857, Elizabeth Gregg, of Westmoreland county. She died in November, 1904, survived by nine children, James H., office clerk in the machine shops of the Pittsburg Coal Company; George E., director of the Suterville First National Bank; Oliver O., a Baltimore and Ohio railroad conductor; Jane C. and Anna G., twins; Lawrence E., superintendent of the Douglass plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Company; Maud H., wife of C. M. Suter, of Suterville; Edith L. and Eva A. With the exception of Maud H., the daughters all remain at home. Mr. Osborn is Democratic in politics, and is a member of the town council of Suterville. He is also a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 221, F. and A. M., of Pittsburg, Duquesne Chapter, No. 193, R. A. M., of Pittsburg, and Kedron Commandery, No. 18, K. T., of Greensburg.

EDWIN JONES, son of John and Mary (Lane) Jones, was born March 8, 1849, in Wales, one of six children, four of whom survive: John, McKeesport; Elizabeth, wife of William Lape, Courtney, Allegheny county; Henry J., Westmoreland county; Edwin, of whom later. The father and mother were both born in Wales and emigrated to America in 1852, locating at McKeesport, Pennsylvania. John Jones was a butcher by trade, but worked in the coal mines for some time after coming to this country. Later he engaged in the butcher business, and for many years was identified with that line of work in McKeesport. He also opened and conducted a hotel there for many years. After his retirement he removed to Scott Haven, where his death occurred in 1902. His wife died in 1899. In politics he was identified with the Republican party, but was never an office seeker.

Edwin Jones attended the common schools, but at the early age of sixteen years left home and began to shift for himself, going to Irwin Station and finding employment in the coal mines as a mule driver. Later he went to Painter Town, where he worked as a coal digger, then went from there to Noblestown, Allegheny county, where he contracted to haul coal by the hundred weight. While there he married Ellen Dorning, of Pittsburg. About 1869 he returned to McKeesport and worked in the mines for a short time, then located at Moore's Station, now known as Scott Haven, where he was

employed in the mines for a number of years. About 1888 he engaged in the butcher business, which he conducted for three years, then sold out and settled in Suterville. He opened a butcher shop and has conducted it since in a very successful manner. Mr. Jones is a director and stockholder in the First National Bank of Suterville, and is one of the leading business men and best-known figures of the borough. He is a member of Grace Lodge, No. 405, K. of P., of Markleton, Westmoreland county.

ELI C. SUTER. The ancestors of the late Eli C. Suter, of Suterville, had their original home in Germany, whence they emigrated to this country. He was a son of Henry and Susan (Waltz) Suter, and was born July 14, 1819, at Ruffsedale.

At a very early age he left home and began to work his own way. The only education he had was acquired by attending school for a short time while he worked for a farmer for the princely salary of three dollars a month. Colonel Israel Painter, of Westmoreland county, was attracted by the sturdy boy and gave him a chance to work on the old turnpike leading from Mount Pleasant to Mononaghela City. He took this work by contract, working at first with pick and shovel. So straightened were his circumstances and so carefully did he look after his financial affairs that he has often related how he wore his only pair of shoes to the scene of his daily labors, and when he arrived there took them off and worked barefooted in order to save the shoe leather. By his digging he earned enough to buy a blind horse, and thus added to the remuneration he gained by his work on the turnpike ditches. In this position he gradually accumulated enough to procure help, and his work was enlarged by taking contracts to repair the road. In this way he became possessed of sixteen hundred dollars which his friend, Colonel Painter, kept for him, and then turned his attention to milling, in the different departments of which he engaged during the remainder of his life. He first bought a flour mill known locally as "Waltz's grist-mill," and after operating it for several years sold it and moved to Millvale, where he purchased another flour mill. The product of this he hauled to the Youghiogheny river and floated down to Cincinnati, bringing back with him a cargo of merchandise. The business proved lucrative, and he was enabled to acquire one hundred and sixty acres of timber land. He also entered into the lumber business, erecting a saw mill which he operated by water power. The situation not being equal to the requirements of his trade he sold it, and in 1849 moved to the neighborhood of what is now Suterville, on the Youghiogheny river, where he spent the greater part of his life. He there operated a saw and a planing mill, managed a ferry and cultivated a farm. At one time he built coal boat bottoms and a steamboat. By all these means, aided by his industry and good management, he gradually built up a business which has become noted throughout western Pennsylvania. In the same manner, buying piece by piece, he became the owner of extensive lands. He surrounded himself with a body of competent men whom he attached to him by ties of personal friendship. R. D. Brown, now seventy-two years old, worked and lived with "the Colonel," as he was familiarly known among his friends, no fewer than fifty-five years, and was with him in his last hours.

Mr. Suter was one of the foremost men in the slack water river navigation movement, and a strenuous advocate of navigation on the Youghiogheny river. He was largely interested in getting an appropriation of five thousand dollars from the legislature for this purpose. He laid out the town of Suter-





*James H. Smith*

ville, sold the entire plan of lots, cut the timber and built houses, yet never oppressed any of his purchasers when in financial straits, and was never known to press a man beyond his ability to pay, or to use to the injury of another the power conferred on him by his position. In religion he was a Lutheran, gave free sites to all the churches of that denomination in his neighborhood, and was a liberal contributor to all church and charitable work. Mr. Suter was thrice married, one of his wives being Mary A. Cowan, by whom he was the father of four children, two of whom survive: Charles, who lives at home; and C. M., who is engaged in the lumber business in Suterville. Mr. Suter's rugged constitution and well-knit frame enabled him to endure all kinds of hardship, and he retained his strength until near the time of his death. He was a striking example of what may be accomplished by pluck and ambition and by a determination to conquer adversity. His genial disposition won friends for him in every calling in life, and he maintained always his habit of self-reliance and his independent spirit.

JAMES L. FREEBLE, one of the best known and most extensive real estate dealers in Westmoreland county, was born February 24, 1877, in Mount Pleasant, the son of Thomas D. and Mary B. (McKean) Freeble. His father, Thomas D. Freeble, was born June 25, 1843, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and married Mary B. McKean, born July 6, 1844, daughter of Thomas H. McKean. Thomas H. McKean's grandfather, the great-great-grandfather of James L. Freeble, emigrated to this country from Ireland in a very early day, and was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Freeble were: Thomas M., married Iona Johnson; A. G., married Carrie Myers, daughter of John Myers; James L.; Emma M. married John W. Dodds, son of J. W. Dodds, of Youngstown, Pennsylvania; Iva M., and Benjamin F., who married Elizabeth Moffat, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

James L. Freeble, third son of Thomas D. and Mary B. (McKean) Freeble, received his early intellectual training in the common schools of his native place, and later attended Normal school for three years. Leaving school at the age of twenty he decided to enter into a business career, and in 1898 engaged in the real estate business in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he has done and still continues to do a very extensive business. He entered into his business life with no capital but poverty and energy, and the latter with his perseverance and good business methods have raised him to a high degree of success in his chosen line of work. He now ranks among the highest tax payers and property owners in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and it is a known fact that he does the most extensive real estate business in Westmoreland county. In 1903 he erected a three-story flat house known as the Freeble building, which is situated on Ligonier street, between Spring and Weldon streets, and Mr. Freeble conducts his business in a suite of offices in this building on the first floor, front. Mr. Freeble is not married.

FRANK BUMER. Through both his parents Frank Bumer, of Monessen, is the descendant of German ancestors. George Bumer emigrated in October, 1879, from Rhine-Bavaria to the United States and settled at Millvale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming. His wife was Mary Ann Sherrer, and among their children was a son Frank, mentioned hereafter. Mr. Bumer died in 1882, at Millvale.

Frank Bumer, son of George and Mary Ann (Sherrer) Bumer, was

born March 23, 1861, in Rhine-Bavaria, and was educated in the schools of his native land, completing his course of study at the seminary in Alsace-Lorraine. He was nineteen years old when the family came to this country, and for a time remained on the farm, assisting in his father's labors. He also acted as clerk in stores, was connected with the management of hotels, and engaged in various other occupations, all in Allegheny county. He there learned the jewelry or watchmaking trade, having had an ambition from early childhood to acquire this branch of industry, and being endowed by nature with mechanical ability. For two years he conducted a jewelry establishment on Beaver avenue, Allegheny, doing his own repair work. In 1898 he moved to Monessen and there erected the Hotel Monessen, the second hotel built in the borough. This he opened to the public in April, 1899, and conducted it until September of the same year, when he relinquished the proprietorship in order to engage in the real estate and insurance business, handling all kinds of insurance and in his real estate operations confining himself to Monessen. In 1903, in connection with William Bertelmann, he laid out a plan of lots at the head of First street, the plan being called the "B. & B. plan," and consisting of twenty-eight lots. He has been continuously in the real estate business longer than any other man in Monessen, and has probably handled more property in this borough than has any one else. In one day his sales reached as high as twenty-five thousand dollars. In addition to the hotel above mentioned he has built his own house and also three other properties. He is one of the stockholders in the trust company and also in the opera house, of which he was one of the pioneer movers, and with which he is further connected by holding the office of secretary to the board. In 1899 he organized the German Beneficent Union, of which he is secretary, being also a stockholder in their hall. He is secretary of the *Daily Independent*, of Monessen, and is now serving his second year as a member of the board of education. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum and is trustee of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 773. In politics he affiliates with the Republicans. He was the organizer of the German Lutheran church, of Monessen, and it is through his efforts that the congregation now worship in a substantial and commodious edifice. He holds the office of secretary of the church.

Mr. Bumer married, February 12, 1888, Mary Auer, and they have five children: Minnie, Clara, Elsie, Frank L., and Marie. Mr. Bumer's house combines a residence and place of business, and here in 1904 he opened a grocery store which is conducted by Mrs. Bumer. It is worthy of note that the twelfth day of February appears to be a date of some significance to Mr. Bumer. On that day, in 1888, his marriage took place, as mentioned above. On the same day in 1901 he was appointed notary public, and on February 12, 1905, his appointment was renewed.

PETER AMANN. An American by virtue of citizenship, Peter Amann, of Monessen, is by birth and parentage a German. Jacob Amann, a native of Germany, was a stonemason and contractor, and about 1888 emigrated to the United States. He settled at Irwin, in this county, and there engaged in business, and built himself a house in Penn township. He attended the Roman Catholic church. His wife, Charlotte (Von Blane) Amann, bore him the following children: Katie, deceased; Jacob W., lives in Penn township, on the old homestead; Peter, mentioned hereafter; John, a resident of Penn Station; and Ada. Mr. Amann died at his home in Penn township, October 22, 1904, aged sixty-six years.

Peter Amann, son of Jacob and Charlotte (Von Blane) Amann, was born August 11, 1875, on the banks of the Rhine, and received his education in the schools of his native land. He was about eleven when the family came to this country, and in his new home sought the advantages to be derived from attendance at night schools. His first employment was on a farm, where he worked for two years, after which he spent one year in a glass factory in Jeannette. He was then employed for a time in a brickyard and for three years operated a machine in a coal mine. His next venture was as a clerk, and for six years he was employed in this capacity in Jeannette. In March, 1899, he established himself in the grocery and provision business at Monessen, beginning in a modest way, and achieving success by giving his exclusive attention to the building up of his business. He carries a complete stock of staple and fancy groceries, his goods being all of the selected varieties. His business is now one of the finest of the kind in the borough and also the oldest of those conducted under one name. He belongs to the C. M. B. A., the I. O. H., the F. O. E., the B. P. O. E., and the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Amann married, October, 1899, Laura, daughter of Michael Doney, and they are the parents of one child, Agnes Amann. Mrs. Amann is a native of Wheeling, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Amann are members of the Roman Catholic church.

H. N. ODBERT, borough treasurer of Monessen, and one of the prominent and influential factors in the financial and industrial enterprises of the borough, is a native of Belleville, Washington county, Pennsylvania, born September 17, 1866, son of Arthur and Caroline (Newkirk) Odbert, both deceased, who were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania. Arthur Odbert was a successful merchant, a man who took a deep interest in educational and religious affairs, serving as a member of the school board for twenty-seven years, and active in the interests of the Methodist Episcopal church.

H. N. Odbert was reared in Belleville, educated in the common schools, learned the trades of carpentering and photography, and is now engaged in the real estate business. In 1900 he removed to Monessen, having purchased two years previously a lot on Danner avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets, for which he paid \$532.50, this property at the present time (1905) being valued at anywhere between six to ten thousand dollars, which clearly demonstrates the wonderful increase in the value of real estate in that borough during the last few years. Upon this lot Mr. Odbert erected, in 1899, a three-story brick building for business purposes, which was at that time the most pretentious building in the borough, he occupying the upper part or third story for a photograph gallery, which business he conducted for some years. He then disposed of the same, and since then has devoted the greater part of his time and attention to the real estate business. He has been active in real state operations, having erected five or six houses for private residences. January 1, 1906, he purchased the hardware store on the corner of Fifth and Donner avenues, known as the Shell Hardware Company, and known at the present writing as the Monessen Hardware Company. He was one of the organizers and original stockholders in the Peoples' National Bank of Monessen, and was one of the original board of directors, serving in that capacity at the present time. He has taken a keen interest in the conduct of the affairs of the borough, and is now serving his second term as city treasurer, having been elected on the Republican ticket. He is one of the live, broad-minded men of this part of Westmoreland county, and stands for all that is just and upright, fully deserving

the success which has attended his well-directed efforts. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Monessen, in which he serves as trustee and steward, and to the support of which he contributes most liberally. Mr. Odbert married, April 27, 1890, Emma J. Walker, of Mount Pleasant, Ohio, daughter of Elias and Frances H. Walker. Two children have been the issue of this marriage: Frances and Ivan Odbert.

EDWARD BARNES, M. D. The ancestors of Dr. Edward Barnes, of Monessen, were Scotch-Irish. His parents were James and Eliza (Patterson) Barnes, the former a farmer of Mercer county. Both are now deceased.

Dr. Barnes was born November 30, 1849, in Mercer county, where he was reared on a farm and received his primary education in the public schools, later attending the Edinboro State Normal school. He began the study of medicine with Dr. Boyd, also enjoying the instructions of Drs. Gibson and Borlin. He entered the Eclectic Medical College, Indianapolis, Indiana, graduating in 1882 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The greater part of Dr. Barnes' professional life has been passed in Mercer county with some periods in Venango and Lawrence counties. Since April 1, 1903, he has been engaged in active practice in Monessen. While in New Castle, where he spent some time, his specialty was gynaecology, but he now makes a specialty of chronic diseases. In 1904 he was a delegate to the National Eclectic Medical convention held in St. Louis. He is a member of the National and State Eclectic Medical Societies, a director of the State Eclectic Medical Association, and belongs to the order of Ben Hur. Dr. Barnes married, in 1873, Laura Anson, and they were the parents of four sons: John G., Mant McGovern, an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad; James N., a moulder; and Byron Brun, a student. Mrs. Barnes died in 1882, and Dr. Barnes married, in 1901, Nettie Dean. Dr. and Mrs. Barnes are members of the Presbyterian church.

HARRY E. RINEHART, of Monessen, to which borough he removed on June 2, 1898, it being then but a small hamlet of a few houses, is a native of Waynesburg, Greene county, Pennsylvania, born June 27, 1864, son of Morgan and Elizabeth (Pettet) Rinehart, both deceased. Morgan Rinehart (father) was born, reared and spent his life in Greene county, where he followed his trade of shoemaker. He served four years in the Civil war, being a member of the Eighty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded by a piece of shell at the battle of the Wilderness. He was a son of Simon and Lettie Rinehart.

Harry E. Rinehart was reared in Waynesburg, educated in the public schools thereof, and at the age of sixteen years removed to Pittsburg and there learned the trade of painting. From thence he removed to the coke regions, where he spent several years, after which he engaged in base ball playing, starting with Scottdale and then going to Easton, Pennsylvania, where he entered the Interstate League, and this profession he followed up to the year 1890. He then located in Charleroi, Westmoreland county, and engaged at contracting, painting, operating a large force of men, and continuing the same up to 1892. He then moved to Gloucester, New Jersey, where he resided for a period of almost two years, at the expiration of which time he removed to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and June 2, 1898, took up his residence in Monessen. He came to this borough for the purpose of operating a cigar factory, which business he successfully conducted for three years, at which time or during which time he was largely interested in real estate transactions. In 1901 a company was formed



to manufacture brick, the same being composed of Harry E. Rinehart, L. M. Faust, Adolph Boes and John Menefee, but during the same year Messrs. Faust and Boes disposed of their interest to the two other members of the firm, who conducted the business under the name of the Monessen Brick Works. The plant was located at East Charleroi, is equipped with the most modern machinery for the purpose, and its daily output of fifteen thousand brick is largely disposed of in Monessen and adjacent villages. The conduct of this plant is under the personal supervision of Mr. Rinehart, who is a most thorough and capable man in every respect, and well qualified for the active management of men and affairs. He is one of the most progressive men of the borough, and by good judgment and business sagacity has accumulated a comfortable competence. He erected four buildings for business purposes in Monessen, also an elegant and modern residence for himself and family in 1904, whilst Mrs. Rhinehart has erected three buildings for residential purposes. Mr. Rinehart was a member of the first borough council of Monessen, and in 1900 was elected burgess of the borough, and while an incumbent of this office also filled that of tax collector, serving for three years. He was a member of the county Republican committee for several years, and one of the prominent factors in the ranks of the party, wielding a wider and more powerful influence than any other man in this section of the county, and being fully alive to all things which tend to promote the interests and welfare of the candidates and measures advocated by the party of his choice. He is a member of the K. P., being the prime mover in the organization of Monessen Lodge, No. 185, in which he has filled the chairs of chancellor and commander two terms. He is a member of the B. P. O. E. affiliating with Lodge No. 773.

Mr. Rinehart married, November 6, 1890, Mary McGrew, daughter of Zerah and Adaline (Phillips) McGrew, and granddaughter of Nathan and Catharine (Hayden) McGrew. Zerah McGrew, who died in 1882, was born and reared in Rostraver township, was a farmer by occupation, and after his marriage to Adaline Phillips, who is living at the present time (1905), removed to McKeesport, where he was one of the influential citizens and a member of the borough council, and where his death occurred. He was well and favorably known throughout the community, was a devout Christian, and a charter member of the Christian church of McKeesport, in which he took an active part. He was also a member of the F. and A. M., I. O. O. F., and N. of M. C., in which he took an active and prominent part. Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart are the parents of two children: Harry F. and Virginia Lucretia Rinehart. The family are members of the Christian church.

JACOB D. SHANER, a druggist and postmaster of Suterville, was born at Robbins, Westmoreland county, November 6, 1856. His grandfather, Jonathan Shaner, was the first American ancestor of the family, having emigrated from Germany and settled in what is now known as Shaner's Station, the place being named for him. He entered government land and built a log house, where he lived during the active years of his life. In his latter years he retired and resided with his children.

Daniel Shaner, a son of Jonathan Shaner, was born at Shaner's Station, in 1834, and there he was reared, educated and learned his trades, those of carpenter and machinist. While there he married Susanna Dewalt, by whom he had ten children, six of whom are still living: Romeo, a resident of Moberly, Missouri; Jacob D., of whom later; Jonathan W., a resident of Monongahela City; Frank S.; Mollie, wife of F. A. Hamilton, of Monongahela City; Mar-

garet, wife of a Mr. Teeple, also of Monongahela City. Some years after his marriage he removed to Riverton, Allegheny county, where he worked for several years at carpentering and building, then went to Boston, Allegheny county, and engaged in the sawmill and lumber business. He then located at Buena Vista and took charge of the engines and machinery for the Armstrong coal mines. He continued there for about four years, then went to Monongahela City, where he was employed in the planing mills of Neal Blythe and Company as foreman. He died there in 1902. Politically he was a staunch Republican. He was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in the artillery service during the entire period of hostilities; he was a member of the G. A. R. In early life he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but later joined the Presbyterian church.

Jacob D. Shaner was reared in his native place and attended the common schools until about his tenth year, when he began to work, firing the engines at the coal mines in Boston. He gradually rose to the position of engineer, and continued at that place until he had reached the age of twenty-one. He then removed to Buena Vista and was employed at the mines for about two years, then returned to Boston, and was given charge of the company stores at that place. After a short time he went to Monongahela City and engaged in teaming and transfer bus work, but in 1880 he came to Suterville and found employment in the drug store of his cousin, A. L. Marsh, under whom he began the study of the druggist profession. After seven years he went into the drug business for himself, and on April 1, 1904, removed to his present modern quarters in the First National Bank building. He is a member of the junior O. U. A. M. Politically he is a Republican, and received his appointment of postmaster during the McKinley administration and is now serving a second term. Mr. Shaner married, in September, 1892, Ann Pyle, of Suterville. One child has been born to them, Thelma Shaner.

HENRY W. NULL, an enterprising and prosperous business man of West Newton, proprietor of a shoe store which is located in one of the best business blocks of that thriving town, is a native of South Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, born January 5, 1854.

Captain Philip Null, great-grandfather of Henry W. Null, was born in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, and was there reared and educated. He was an officer in the Revolutionary war, serving under Generals Marion and Sumpter, and upon the cessation of hostilities located and resided for some years in Lincolnton, North Carolina. He then returned north and for a time was a resident of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, living in the vicinity of Greensburg, from whence he removed to West Virginia, locating on the Little Kanawa river where he spent the latter years of his life, passing away at an advanced age.

Henry Null, grandfather of Henry W. Null, was a native of Lincolnton, North Carolina, and was ten years of age when his parents removed to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until attaining manhood. Shortly after his marriage he located in East Huntingdon township. He was a very successful farmer and business manager, and became an extensive land owner, his holdings lying both in East and South Huntingdon townships. He was a Whig in politics. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. By his marriage to Elizabeth Pool nine children were born—seven sons and two daughters—all of whom with one exception inherited and occupied portions of his large landed estate. Their names are as follows: Joseph, deceased;

Jonathan, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Henry H., a resident of Greensburg, now (1905) in his ninety-first year; Francis M., who resides on a portion of the old homestead in East Huntingdon township; Philip, deceased; Andrew J., deceased, mentioned hereafter; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of William Ruff; and Keziah, deceased, who was the wife of John Sloan. Philip, who died in early manhood, was the exception above referred to. The father of these children died at the age of sixty-five years.

Andrew J. Null, father of Henry W. Null, was born in South Huntingdon township, Pennsylvania, in 1822, on the old homestead and resided thereon continuously all his lifetime. He was a farmer by occupation, and by diligence and perseverance accumulated a comfortable competence for his declining years. He was twice married, first to Matilda Ruff, and had one child, B. F., who resides on the homestead. He married (second), Lucinda Robinson, born in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, daughter of Thomas and Achsah (Bailey) Robinson, and a direct descendant of Thomas Bailey, a citizen of Boston, Massachusetts, in 1650, and of Ezra Perry, who was a citizen of Sandwich, Massachusetts, in 1644. Prominent among her ancestors were Captain James Perry, of Revolutionary war fame, and Captain Nathaniel Perry, who distinguished himself in the French and Indian wars. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Null, as follows: Lucetta, wife of Dr. D. Crise, of Escondido, California; Matilda, wife of Edward J. Hatch, of Escondido, California; Henry W., mentioned hereafter; and Mary E., deceased, who was the wife of John Pool. Andrew J. Null (father) died at his home in South Huntingdon township, 1866; he was survived by his wife, who passed away in the same place in the year 1890.

Henry W. Null resided at home until he attained the age of nineteen years, in the meantime obtaining a common school education. When seventeen years old he began teaching in the district school and continued the same for two years. He then came to West Newton and secured a position in the dry goods store of N. B. Sproat, and was subsequently employed for many years in the department store of S. C. Weimer. In 1895 he embarked in the shoe business in the Elliott building on the corner of Main and Second streets, West Newton. This enterprise proved a financial success, and the steady growth of the business necessitated his removal to more commodious quarters, and accordingly in the fall of 1901 he erected a building of his own, which is one of the best business blocks in the town, to which he removed. In addition to the duties devolving upon him in the management of his extensive establishment Mr. Null serves as a director of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, rendering valuable service in that capacity. He is a member of the school board of West Newton, and he has also filled several other minor township offices. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church, and an advocate and strong supporter of Republican principles. Mr. Null married in 1884, Mary E. McIlwain, of West Newton, daughter of Robert J. and Martha McIlwain, who died in 1887, leaving two children, one of whom survives, Mary R. Null. In 1904 Mr. Null married Mary Adelaide McLaughlin, daughter of Andrew J. and Ella (Wilgus) McLaughlin, of West Newton.

JAMES E. DOUGLASS, of West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, organizer of the Douglass Rough Coal and Coke Company, was born January 8, 1851, in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, son of John J. and Mary S. (Patterson) Douglass. He is one of the six surviving children of a family of twelve, the others being: Robert P., superintendent of the Eliza furnace of the Jones and Laughlin steel works for more than twenty-five years,

now retired; Thomas P., of Pittsburg, with the Jones and Laughlin steel works; Margaret, wife of James H. McCune, Birmingham, Alabama; John S., M. D., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Elijah R., superintendent of the coke works at Connellsville.

The paternal grandfather, Thomas Douglass, came from Adams county, while yet a young man, buying a farm near Mt. Vernon church, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was survived by a large family of children, only one of whom is still living, Maria, the wife of T. W. Weddell, resident on a farm near McKeesport, she at the age of ninety-two and he at the age of ninety-three.

John J. Douglass, son of Thomas Douglass, was born January 13, 1811, in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, near Buena Vista, within three miles of where he spent the last fifty-four years of his life. He learned the trade of cooper in early life, but followed it only a short time. In 1838 he bought land at Douglass and moved there, and two years later purchased a grist mill which he operated for many years. During the war, in which his sons were fighting for the Union, it burned to the ground, at the time when his insurance had just expired, and he was compelled to buy flour for the family supply when that commodity was selling at eighteen dollars a barrel. He was a staunch Republican in politics, but never a bigoted partisan, and for twenty years was justice of the peace, a fact which gained for him the appellation of Squire Douglass, a name which clung to him long after he had retired from the office. During the greater part of his life he was a member of the United Presbyterian church, but four years prior to his death joined the Presbyterian church and was an honored elder at the time of his death. His generous disposition, often imposed upon but never narrowed, reduced his worldly possessions but gained him a respect and admiration that made him greatly mourned when his death occurred, September 14, 1894.

The maternal grandfather, John R. Patterson, was born in 1774. He came to Westmoreland county from the eastern part of Pennsylvania in an early day of the county's history, and settled in Rostraver township on a farm where he resided up to within four or five years of his death. During those four or five years he lived at West Newton, where he died in 1886, at the age of ninety-five. His wife, Mary (Orr) Patterson, born in 1791, died in 1853. Their daughter, the mother of James E. Douglass, was born at Rostraver, Westmoreland county, April 4, 1817, died August 26, 1871.

James E. Douglass grew up and was educated in the place of his birth, attending public schools. At the age of twenty years he left the farm and learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked for ten years. In 1883 he engaged in the mercantile business at Douglass, and was identified with same for twenty-one years. During a portion of this time he was postmaster and ticket and express agent for the P. and L. E. Railroad. In 1904 he sold his business to the Federal Supply Company, and removed to West Newton. He organized the Douglass Coal Company in 1892, and was one of the well known coal operators of this state until 1899, when he sold the mines to the Pittsburg Coal Company; he retained the residence properties, numbering some fourteen houses. He organized the Douglass Raugh Coal and Coke Company, in 1904, acquiring four thousand acres of land with valuable coal veins in Clarksburg, West Virginia. They have a seven foot vein of Pittsburg coal. In addition to these interests he owns sixty-one valuable building lots in McKeesport, was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of West Newton, and the Hazelwood bank of Pittsburg, and two other well known banks, and is one of the promoters of the West





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Newton and Webster street railway line, which will shortly be in operation. He is a Republican, and is one of the leading citizens of West Newton. He is a member of Dallas Lodge, No. 508, F. and A. M., of Pittsburg; Zernbale Chapter, No. 162, R. A. M., of Pittsburg; Pennsylvania Consistory and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburg. Mr. Douglass married, October 3, 1889, Lizzie May Nicholls, of Elizabeth township. Their children are: Harry Stantley, born June 24, 1890; David R., April 20, 1892; Margaret M., June 29, 1895; and James Gordon, May 8, 1898.

GEORGE H. STEVENS. The father of George H. Stevens, of Monessen, was born in London, England, his name being William H. Stevens. He was a millwright, and after his immigration to this country lived for some time in New York city. Thence he moved to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and for thirty years had charge of the machinery department in the establishment of Jones & Laughlin, of Pittsburg. His wife was Margaret Watters, a native of England, but of Scotch and Welsh extraction, and they were the parents of a son, George H., mentioned hereafter. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens both died in Allegheny.

George H. Stevens, son of William H. and Margaret (Watters) Stevens, was born September 6, 1862, in New York city, and received his education in the public and high schools of Pittsburg. In his eighteenth year he learned the trade of a glass mould-maker at which he was employed until the autumn of 1887, in Pittsburg. He was then appointed police inspector of the south side of the city, and retained the position until the autumn of 1889, when he resigned in order to accept a place in the internal revenue department of the United States government, serving under Collector Warncastle during the Harrison administration. He was retired in the autumn of 1893, after which he became the proprietor of the Hotel McKee, at Jeannette, conducting the establishment until June, 1903, when he moved to Monongahela City and there conducted the Commercial Hotel until April, 1905. He then took up his abode in Monessen in order to assume the duties of superintendent of the Independent Brewing Company, having the Homestead, Braddock, Monongahela City, Charleroi, and Monessen plants under his supervision.

While a resident of Jeannette he assisted in the organization of the Union Transfer Company, of which he is one of the directors. During the period of his residence in Monongahela City he was instrumental in the forming of the Monongahela City, Ellsworth & Washington Street Railway, in which company he has served as secretary and treasurer. He also aided in founding the Monongahela Oil and Gas Company and the Monongahela Hardwood Company, being one of the directors of the former and secretary of the latter. Still another enterprise in the organization of which he took a leading part is the Monongahela Valley Oil Company, with excavations at Marietta, Washington county, Ohio. In this company he holds the offices of secretary and treasurer. During the years in which he made his home in Jeannette he was actively engaged in politics, and in 1899 was chosen to represent his county in the state legislature, being re-elected in 1901 and 1903. Each time his majority increased, and he enjoys the distinction of being the only man who has ever succeeded himself twice from this county. During each session he served on a number of committees, among them the committee on appropriations, and in 1903 was chairman of the law and order committee. He is one of the trustees of Monongahela Lodge, of Fraternal Order of Eagles, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mount Moriah Lodge,

Pittsburg, Pittsburg Encampment, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 486, of Jeannette, holding in the last named body the rank of past exalted ruler. Mr. Stevens married, June 10, 1894, Estella Clyde, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Ridenover, of Scottdale, and they are the parents of three children: William H., Daniel W., and George H., junior.

EDWARD W. KEENAN, proprietor of the Monongahela House, Monessen, Pennsylvania, is a native of Youngstown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, born August 17, 1857, son of John B. and Lucy (West) Keenan.

John B. Keenan (father) was a son of James Keenan, better known as Squire Keenan. He was born in Youngstown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and throughout the active years of his career was the proprietor of a hotel. He organized Company K, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and went out with the same during the civil war, serving in the capacity of captain, but shortly afterward was promoted to the rank of major. He was wounded in the shoulder at the second battle of Bull Run, and was killed May 11, 1864, at Spottsylvania Court House. He and his wife, Lucy (West) Keenan, were the parents of the following children: James, deceased; Edward W., mentioned hereafter; John, deceased; Frank, Emma, deceased.

Edward W. Keenan attended the common schools in the neighborhood of his home until twelve years of age, when he was forced to earn his own livelihood, working among the farmers, cutting wood, in the saw mills, and at various other labors. He later learned the shoemaking trade, which he followed for five years, after which he engaged in the hotel business. In 1881 he moved to Greensburg and there conducted the Keenan House for eighteen months at the expiration of which time he became the proprietor of the Fisher House, which he conducted for three years. He then went to Latrobe and assumed the management of the Parker House, continuing the same for three years. He then returned to Greensburg and fitted up the Hotel Stark, which he operated two years and then disposed of. He then accepted a position as travelling salesman, and served in that capacity until October, 1903, when he located in Monessen, Westmoreland county, where he purchased the contents of the Monongahela House. He completely refitted the hotel, which has accommodations for forty guests, and which is now one of the best equipped hotels in the county, the service and cuisine being unexcelled. Mr. Keenan is especially adapted for this line of business, as he is genial, affable and generous, which characteristics account for his popularity. In 1889 Mr. Keenan was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the nomination of sheriff, but was defeated by his opponent. He has always taken a keen interest in politics, being one of the leading Democrats of the county. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, affiliating with Lodge No. 773, and of the G. B. U.

In 1884 Mr. Keenan married Mrs. Annie Jack, daughter of John Easton, who died November 6, 1885, leaving him one child, John Hillery Keenan, who is now (1905) a student at Dickinson Law School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. In 1892 Mr. Keenan married for his second wife Alice Foster, daughter of Henry Foster.

JOHN A. SHEETZ. The grandfather of John A. Sheetz, of Monessen, was Joseph Sheetz, a native of the eastern part of Pennsylvania, possibly of Lancaster county. He was a cabinetmaker and undertaker and lived







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to an advanced age, being over two years old at the time of his death, which occurred in the spring of 1903. John C. Sheetz's father, John C. Sheetz, was born in Roxbury, Somerset county, and has spent the greater part of his life here. He married Malinda Cope, and a son was born to them in 1873, and is known hereafter as Mrs. Sheetz is deceased, and her husband is now residing in Pennsylvania.

John A. Sheetz, son of John C. and Malinda Sheetz, was born in Greensburg, February 9, 1873, in Somerset county, where he passed the first years of his life, having learned the business of cigar making, and then came to this port and thence to Berlin, but soon after settled in Greensburg, where he remained at his home until his removal to Monessen. Some time after his removal to Greensburg he engaged in the manufacturing business, and has since been conducting the same for over ten years. In the latter part of his residence at Monessen land on which then stood a small hotel, and after the demolition of the building a substantial structure, capable of accommodating from thirty to forty guests. He gave it the name of Sheetz Hotel, and has since been a successful proprietor. He is one of the stockholders in the Monessen National Bank. For many years Mr. Sheetz has been active in the affairs of the community, and in 1900, while a resident of Greensburg, was chosen as collector of the taxes of the town, which he filled for three years. He belongs to the German Lutheran church, of which the Rev. E. K. Eiks, No. 773. He affiliates with the Democratic party, and is ever ready to assist to the utmost of his power. His sister, Mary, is married to John F. Holte, and they have five children: John, Mary, John, John, and Gertrude E. Mrs. Sheetz is a native of Pennsylvania, and her family are members of the Roman Catholic church.

**HENRY GEORGE SEIDEL.** The father of Henry George Seidel, who is now a resident of Greensburg, was Christian Nicholas Seidel, who lived in Marburg, a town of Hesse-Cassel, Germany, and held the office of collector of the taxes of that province and Sachsen-Weimar. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Seidel married Agnes, daughter of Nicholas Dietz, of Marburg, and they had four sons: Henry George, mentioned hereafter, who now lives in Bethlehem, Orange Free State, South Africa; Frederick, who now lives at home in Germany; and Jacob, lives with his wife at Somerset, and is a landowner. Mr. Seidel died in 1869, in Germany.

Henry George Seidel, son of Christian Nicholas Seidel, was born June 27, 1857, in Marburg, Hesse-Cassel, Germany. In 1871 emigrated to the United States, arriving in Philadelphia on July 4, of that year. After working for a short time in Philadelphia, he came to this City, where he learned the business of a barber, and in 1884, when he was twenty-seven years of age, he rented from Wilson Baughman the shop which has since been continuously occupied and in which he has conducted a flourishing business, and has the best patronage of the town and its vicinity. Politically he is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Seidel died December 11, 1900, Elizabeth L., daughter of Joshua and Susan L., of Greensburg, and they are the parents of two daughters: Agnes, born August 23, 1902; and Beatrice Elizabeth, born December 5, 1903.

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John A. Sheetz, son of John C. and Malinda (Cope) Sheetz, was born February 9, 1873, in Somerset county, where he passed the first fifteen years of his life, having learned the business of cigar making. He went to McKeesport and thence to Berlin, but soon after settled in Greensburg, where he made his home until his removal to Monessen. Some two years after going to Greensburg he engaged in the manufacturing business on his own account, conducting the same for over ten years. In the latter part of 1902 he purchased at Monessen land on which then stood a small hotel, and to this he added, making of the building a substantial structure, capable of accommodating from thirty to forty guests. He gave it the name of Sheetz' Hotel and is still its successful proprietor. He is one of the stockholders in the People's National Bank. For many years Mr. Sheetz has been active in political affairs, and in 1900, while a resident of Greensburg, was chosen tax collector, an office which he filled for three years. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 773. He affiliates with the Democratic party, which he is ever ready to assist to the utmost of his power. Mr. Sheetz married, April 11, 1893, Gertrude Eholt, and they have five children: Marie, Paul E., John A., junior; Perie, and Gertrude E. Mrs. Sheetz is a native of Greensburg. He and his family are members of the Roman Catholic church.

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WILLIAM J. HITCHMAN, of Mount Pleasant, was held in honor as one of the most prominent citizens of Westmoreland county, his busy activities during a long and successful career having been extended into all those lines which afford to the man of real ability a position of commanding

influence. He was a potent factor in the development of the southern part of the county, and aided largely in whatever could be of advantage, whether in material, educational or moral ways, and was recognized as one of the most accomplished and broad-minded financiers in western Pennsylvania. Mr. Hitchman came of a distinguished ancestry, English on the paternal side, and Scotch-Irish on that of the mother. His paternal great-grandfather came to America as an officer in a British regiment during the reign of George III. He became interested in the affairs of the colonists, and sympathized with them in their yearnings for political freedom. These considerations led him to resign his commission and identify himself with the colonial cause. His sense of honor, however, would not admit of his drawing his sword against the country whose uniform he had worn, and he steadfastly declined all overtures to take military service, although he was offered several important posts in the continental army. His extreme sensitiveness with regard to fine points of honor seem to have been reflected in his descendants to the present generation. He made his home in Virginia, whence his son William removed to Pennsylvania, locating on Redstone creek, in what is now Fayette county, but which was then regarded as being within the boundaries of the "Old Dominion." William Hitchman married Nancy Gillespie, an estimable woman, and a member of a prominent family. They removed to near Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, where Mr. Hitchman died, on what has long been known as the Robert Hitchman farm. He was the founder of the Hitchman family in Westmoreland county. His children were six sons and two daughters: John, James, Robert, Samuel, David, Gillespie, Ellen and Elizabeth.

Major John Hitchman, eldest son of William Hitchman, was born in Westmoreland county in 1789, and died in 1846. He was a man of great ability, and was a leading figure in military affairs. When troops were called out for the war with Great Britain in 1812, he enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Reynolds, under whom he became first lieutenant. He accompanied his regiment to Baltimore, and was among the defending forces there until peace was declared. In 1828 he was elected brigade inspector with the rank of major in the Pennsylvania militia, and served in that capacity until 1836. For several years he was engaged in a mercantile business. He married Mary Thompson, a descendant of an old and highly respected family of the Cumberland Valley. She was a woman of strong character and christian worth, with intelligence and culture far beyond her time in the region in which she resided. She was born in Mercersburgh, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1799, and died March 30, 1870, having long survived her husband, who died in March, 1846, at the age of fifty-seven years. Their remains rest side by side in the Mount Pleasant cemetery.

William J. Hitchman, only child of Major John and Mary (Thompson) Hitchman, was born at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1838. He was only eight years old when his father died, and in straightened circumstances. Mr. Hitchman has always felt that he owed to his revered mother much of the better part of his manhood, and that substantial foundation upon which was built his honorable career and its attendant success. She carefully guarded his youth, instructing him in those true and noble lines of thought and action which distinctly characterized his mature manhood. Educational advantages were meagre, and from her he derived much of the knowledge which there were not schools to adequately provide. He was also brought up to habits of thrift and industry. In his boyhood at Laurelville, a small village at the foot of Chestnut Ridge, he was actively employed

and carefully trained to labor and business in the mill, the shop and the store, meanwhile constantly adding to his fund of general information, absorbing all that stood in the place of school room instruction, and thus laying the foundations for a useful and honorable future. Before he was seventeen years old, he was so well advanced that he acquitted himself creditably as a teacher, following that occupation for several years, and always taking an active part in teachers' institutes and in whatever effort arose for the advancement of educational interests. Meanwhile, and after entering the school room as a teacher, he continued to be a student, and completed an academic course in his native town.

At the threshold of his mature career, he was tempted to enter the field of law and politics, for both of which inviting domains he possessed a strong predilection and considerable qualifications. His judgment, however, moved him to turn away from their allurements, with their promise of early prominence and success, to enter upon a business life. From the beginning, he steadily progressed, through no fortuitous circumstances or adventitious aid, but by diligent labor and the exercise of sound judgment. He saw his commercial undertakings constantly widening, though at times distressing circumstances arose that would have led into questionable conduct one of less moral fibre. In all he held fast to the loftiest standards of honor, and preserved an unimpeachable integrity. As his means increased he extended his activities into fields which ever broadened before him, and came to be regarded as one of the leaders of his section of the state, in all relating to financial and real estate affairs. For many years he had been interested largely in the banking houses of Mount Pleasant, and had accumulated important landed interests, besides investing largely in other enterprises, financial, commercial and industrial. It is to be said, in order to arrive at a just estimate of his character, that at the outset he did not expect nor covet wealth. He entered upon his effort with modest ambitions, born of his necessities, and his larger success followed as a natural outgrowth of well directed effort. Nor when his wealth was accumulated did he prostitute it to ignoble purposes. He used it as he did his mental attributes and traits of character, devoting it to the highest purposes, making it useful to others in providing avenues of employment, and contributing liberally to all those beneficent agencies which make for the better life of the community—the church, the school, and those material benefits which make for healthful and happy homes and surroundings.

Mr. Hitchman was identified with the Republican party from the years of its formation. He was not old enough to vote for its first presidential candidate, John C. Fremont, in 1856, but his sympathies were with "the Pathfinder" and the principles of which he was the representative, and he took such part in that stirring campaign as a non-voter could. His first vote was cast for the immortal Lincoln, in 1860, and from that time he was numbered among the most intelligent and devoted supporters of the party, and recognized as a leader of commanding ability and wide influence, yet, withal, in no manner a political aspirant or self-seeking, but shaping his political conduct as he did his personal life—its mainsprings honor, and its end the betterment of society at large, and upholding of high moral principles and practices by the nation at large as well as by the individual. In his personal life, he was held in honor not alone for his well rounded character, but for his intellectual attainments. He had constantly enlarged the boundaries of his knowledge, and in every direction. He was liberally informed in history, biography and general literature, and had long been recognized as an indisputable authority upon banking and finance.

He married, January 2, 1861, Elizabeth Shields, daughter of James Shields. With her his domestic life proved most fortunate and peculiarly happy. Mrs. Hitchman has ever been a real helpmeet to her husband, in the broadest meaning of the word, sympathizing with him and affording her counsel and encouragement in whatever commanded his interest. To them were born six sons and two daughters: James S., Edward T., Arthur, John D., Walton M., William M., Mary and Alice E. Hitchman.

CHARLES M. SLOAN, M. D., was born May 9, 1867, in Salem township, Westmoreland county, son of John and Prudence (Buchanan) Sloan; he is one of seven children, the others being: Alexander M., an attorney of Greensburg; Melissa M., wife of John A. Steele, of Goff, Pennsylvania; Nannie J., living at home; James W., of Nebraska; Robert H., of Pueblo, Colorado; David E., M. D., of Charleroi, Pennsylvania. John Sloan, father of Dr. Sloan, was born and reared in Washington township, this county, but while yet a young man bought a farm in Salem township and resided there until about 1888, when he retired from active pursuits and removed to Greensburg where he is now residing. In politics he is a Democrat, and was a candidate for the office of county treasurer against J. J. Kappenberger, but was defeated. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the borough.

Charles M. Sloan received his early education in the public schools and Greensburg Seminary. He began to teach school when about eighteen years of age and taught for four years, then accepted a position as manifest clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad, continuing in that capacity for some eighteen months. In 1893 he began reading medicine with his brother, David E., who was then located at Pittsburg, and in the fall of the year 1894 entered the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, whence he graduated in the spring of 1897. In the following June he took the state board examination, and in August of the same year began practice at Madison, where he has since continued and has built up a remunerative practice. In politics he is a Democrat but holds liberal views; he served for six years as a member of the school board. He is a member of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, F. and A. M., of Greensburg; Urania Chapter, No. 192, R. A. M., of Greensburg; Kedron Commandery, No. 18, K. T., of Greensburg; Greensburg Lodge B. P. O. E.; and the Westmoreland County Medical Society. Dr. Sloan married in 1898, Tillie L. Wilson, a daughter of Harrison Wilson, a prominent citizen of Hempfield township, and for several years a member of the school board. One child has been born to them, Elizabeth. They are members of the Presbyterian church, and one of the most prominent families of the county.

JOHN H. CREIGHTON, proprietor of the Hotel Creighton, was born at McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1861, son of William and Isabelle (Hay) Creighton. He is one of two children surviving of six, the other being Jeannette, wife of Jonathan Watson, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents were Peter and Jennie (Telford) Creighton, or Crichton, as it was spelled in Scotland, of which country they were natives. Peter Crichton was a contractor and railroad builder, at which business he acquired a fortune. He died in Scotland at the age of seventy-seven. William Creighton, his son, and the father of John H. Creighton, was born in Lanackshire, Scotland, June 8, 1832. He was reared in Scotland and acquired his





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He married, January 2, 1867, Elizabeth, Shields, daughter of James Shield. With her his domestic life proved most fortunate and peculiarly happy. Mrs. Fitchman has ever been a real help-mate to her husband, in the broadest sense of the word, sympathizing with him and affording her counsel and encouragement in whatever commands his interest. To them were born six sons and two daughters; James S., Edward E., Arthur, John D., Walter C., William M., Mary and Alice E. Fitchman.

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Dr. Sloan's early education in the public schools of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He began to teach school when about eighteen years of age, and taught for five years, then accepted a position as manifest clerk of the Pennsylvania State, continuing in that capacity for some eight years. In 1883 he began studying medicine with his brother, David E., at the Pennsylvania College, and in the fall of the year 1894 entered the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in the spring of 1897. In the following June he took the state examination, and on August of the same year began practice at Madison, Pennsylvania, since which time he has built up a remunerative practice. In politics he is a Democrat but holds liberal views; he served for six years as a member of the local board. He is a member of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, A. O. U. of Greensburg, United Chapter, No. 102, R. A. M., of Greensburg, and of the local chapter, No. 18, K. T., of Greensburg; Greensburg Chapter, No. 18, and is a member of the Westmoreland County Medical Society. Dr. Sloan is married to Miss Julia A. Sloan, a daughter of Harrison Wilson, a prominent physician here, and they have had for many years a member of the school board and a member of the school board. They are members of the Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, one of the most prominent families of the county.

JOHN H. CREIGHTON, of Erie, N. Y., proprietor of the Hotel Creighton, was born in Scotland, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1801, and died in Erie, N. Y., August 1, 1881. He is one of two children, surviving his brother, John H. Creighton. He is the son of Jonathan Watson, of Councils Bluffs, Iowa, and the wife of Jonathan Watson, of Councils Bluffs, Iowa.

His parents were John and Jennie (Telford) Creighton. He was born in Scotland, where he was reared, and where he was educated. He was a student and railroad builder, at which business he was engaged for many years. He was the father of seven children. His wife, Jennie, was the daughter of John H. Creighton, was born in Erie, N. Y., and died in Erie, N. Y., August 1, 1881. He was reared in Scotland and acquired



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Charles M. Sloan received his early education in the public schools and Greensburg Seminary. He began to teach school when about eighteen years of age, and taught for ten years, then accepted a position as manifest clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad, continuing in that capacity for some eight months. In 1887 he began reading medicine with his brother, David, M. D., who was then located in Greensburg, and in the fall of the year 1894 entered the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in the spring of 1897. In the following June he took the state board examination, and in August of the same year began practice at Madison, where he has since continued and has built up a remunerative practice. In politics he is a Democrat but holds liberal views; he served for six years as a member of the county board. He is a member of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, I. O. O. F., of Greensburg; Gamma Chapter, No. 192, R. A. M., of Greensburg; and of the Odd Fellows, No. 18, K. T. of Greensburg; Greensburg Lodge, O. E. S., of the Westmoreland County Medical Society. Dr. Sloan married Elizabeth Sloan, a daughter of Harrison Wilson, a prominent citizen of Greensburg, and for seven years a member of the school board. They have four children, three to the late Elizabeth. They are members of the Presbyterian Church, one of the most prominent families of the county.

JOHN H. CREIGHTON, proprietor of the Hotel Creighton, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1861, son of John and Mary (Coffey) Creighton. He is one of two children surviving of his parents. His mother, Mary, was the daughter of John Watson, of Cornettsville.

His grandparents were Peter and Jennie (Telford) Creighton, of Scotland, of which country they were natives. His grandfather was a contractor and railroad builder, at which business he was engaged for many years. In Scotland at the age of seventy-seven, William Creighton, father of John H. Creighton, was born in Larnach, Scotland, in 1837. He was reared in Scotland and acquired his





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education in the common schools of that country. In 1856 he emigrated to the United States and located at Port Perery, where he was connected with the river traffic, running on the coal boats for eight or ten years. In 1868 he removed to Larimore and for a few years worked in the coal mines there, later engaging in farming. He was ever active in works for the public good, and for many years served as supervisor of Larimore. He also served for many years as a member of the school board. Politically he is a Democrat, and in his religious faith is a member of the Presbyterian church. His first wife died about 1868, and he later contracted a second marriage with Catherine Barnes, by whom he has seven children: William, a resident of Larimore; Richard, deceased; Robert and Daniel, twins, both residents of Larimore; Belle, wife of Joseph Loutzenheiser; Catherine, wife of Robert Watson; Johan, wife of A. Burtuer.

John H. Creighton was brought up in the place of his birth, and attended the common schools of that town until he reached the age of sixteen, when he began to work in the mines; for twelve or more years he was connected with that line of industry. During the years 1888-89 he was tax collector of his township. In 1889 he accepted a position at Irwin as a bartender, and in 1892 purchased, in company with Alexander Pool, Hotel Pool, and was located at Manor until May 1, 1894. He sold his interest in the enterprise and went to Europe. Upon his return to this country he built his widely-known hostelry in Hermanie, where he has since continued and managed the hotel with great success. In addition to this he is a director and stockholder in the First National Bank of Suterville. He is a member of Greensburg Lodge, No. 511, B. P. O. E., and of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 415, K. of P. In politics he votes with the Democratic party. Mr. Creighton married, November 25, 1894, Jennie Greenawalt, of Madison, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Simon Greenawalt, now of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. Their children are: John H., Jr., Lucien D., William, Maud, and Mary. They are members of the Presbyterian church, and hold a prominent social position in Sewickley township.

**WILLIAM JAMES LATIMORE, M. D.** The grandfather of Dr. William J. Latimore, of Herminie, was John Latimore, a native of Ireland. He married Mary Armstrong, and they were the parents of a son, James Latimore, who was born in Ireland in 1848. The family were led to come to the United States through the example of Charles Armstrong, a brother of Mrs. Latimore, who was the first to seek a home across the sea. James Latimore married Elizabeth Blackburn, and five children were born to them, two of whom are now living: William James, of whom later; and Elizabeth, wife of Frederick Pippert, of West Newton.

William James Latimore, son of James and Elizabeth (Blackburn) Latimore, was born April 28, 1874, in Armstrong, the town having received its name in honor of Charles Armstrong, mentioned above. The foundation of Dr. Latimore's education was laid in the public schools of West Newton, whence he proceeded to the State Normal school at California, Pennsylvania; and from that institution advanced to Westminster College, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania. In 1893 he began reading medicine under the guidance of Dr. L. V. Sutton, of West Newton, and in the autumn of 1895 entered the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating in the spring of 1897 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then returned to West Newton, and for several months was associated in practice with his former preceptor, Dr. Sutton, after which he went to Shaners Station where he remained until De-

ember, 1902. He then moved to Herminie where he has ever since been in active practice. Dr. Latimore belongs to Youghioghney Valley Lodge, No. 555, I. O. O. F., and Greensburg Lodge, No. 511, B. P. O. E. He is a staunch Republican, and during the last year has been chairman of the township. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church. Dr. Latimore married, February 2, 1905, Bertha Huber, of Steubenville, Ohio. They have one child, William J., Jr., born November 26, 1905.

CLAYTON O. SLATER, now serving his third term under presidential appointment as postmaster at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, is a native of the state, born in Ligonier, August 29, 1861, son of Samuel and Drucilla (Lowrey) Slater.

Samuel Slater was born in the Ligonier Valley in 1819. During his entire life he followed his trade as a carpenter and builder. He was a Presbyterian, and a Republican in politics. He married Drucilla Lowrey, born in Ligonier Valley, a daughter of Jacob Lowrey, a farmer there. Mr. Lowrey died 1886, and his wife died 1883. They were the parents of eleven children: R. A. deceased; Mary, wife of J. H. Bair, and residing in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; John L., deceased; Albert C., residing in Pittsburg; Charles A., residing in Latrobe; Nettie J., widow of Max Bach; Mattie, deceased; Clayton O., of whom further; Harry, deceased; and two other children who died in infancy.

Clayton O. Slater was but three years of age when his parents removed from Ligonier to Latrobe, where he was reared and educated. He attended the public schools until he was fifteen years old, when he entered the Latrobe post-office in the capacity of clerk, and subsequently became assistant to Colonel Oursler, postmaster, and conducted the office for him during his entire term. Shortly after the inauguration of President Cleveland the appointment as postmaster of a Democrat necessitated the retirement of Mr. Slater, who entered the employ of the H. C. Frick Company at Mount Pleasant. He subsequently opened a notion store in Latrobe, on the site of the present postoffice, and conducted the business for about twelve years, discontinuing his connection with it when he entered upon his duties as postmaster, under appointment by President McKinley, October 1, 1897. He proved a most efficient officer, and has been continued in the office to the present time, under two successive reappointments, both by President Roosevelt, the last in January of 1905. Mr. Slater well earned this recognition of his ability and signally meritorious service. When he first entered upon the duties of postmaster he brought to them ample experience, acquired in a subordinate position, though several years before. He was, moreover, thoroughly aware of the opportunities and necessity for improving local postal facilities, and he at once set himself to the work of instituting various reforms and improvements. As a result of his effort was the establishment of free delivery in Latrobe, the securing of additional clerical assistance in the office, and the creation of three important rural delivery routes, to the great advantage of a large rural population. The extent to which the business of the office has been developed under the new conditions is more clearly to be apprehended when the fact is stated that when Mr. Slater entered upon the duties of postmaster, a little more than eight years ago, the aggregate receipts of the office were about \$6,200, and the allowance for clerk hire was \$300; while in 1904 the receipts had been nearly trebled, reaching a sum exceeding \$16,000, while the amount paid out to clerks and carriers amounted to \$7,000. Five postoffice clerks are employed, four city letter carriers, and three rural delivery carriers, who cover a distance of seventy-five miles. Mr. Slater is a





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progressive citizen, and has constantly borne a full share in the advancement of community interests. During two terms he rendered efficient service as burgess. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 275, F. and A. M. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Slater married, March 31, 1886, Sadie Shadle, of Latrobe, daughter of Amos Shadle, a scion of one of the old Westmoreland county families, and a skillful photographer. Mr. and Mrs. Slater are members of the Presbyterian church. They have no children.

**COLONEL GEORGE C. ANDERSON.** How rapidly time is thinning the ranks of the brave "boys in blue" who went forth in defense of the nation's integrity during the dark and stormy epoch of the civil war is evident to even the superficial observer, and the silvered heads of those who appear in the ranks of the veterans at the various encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic show whither the line of march is tending. The younger generation may well look with admiration and honor upon these valiant sons of the republic who saved to the world a grand and united country, and though time has thrown its beneficent influence over the story of the great conflict and the animosities of the past have been softened and chastened, yet never can there be aught but appreciation of the services of the men who followed the stars and stripes over the sanguinary battle fields of the south. One of the honored veterans of the war of the rebellion is Colonel Anderson, to whom this brief tribute is dedicated and who has long been numbered among the prominent business men and influential citizens of Latrobe, Westmoreland county, where he has maintained his home for nearly two score of years.

Colonel Anderson was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1836, a son of Thomas and Mary (Rutherford) Anderson, both of whom continued to reside in the old Keystone state until their death. The father was born and reared in England, whence he came to the United States in 1820, settling in what is now the city of Pittsburg, and having been for many years identified with the mining industry in that section of the state. George C. Anderson received limited educational advantages in his youth, his privileges having been those afforded in the common schools of the locality in which he was born, while he early initiated his services as one of the world's workers. At the age of fifteen years entered upon an apprenticeship at the trade of brick laying, in which he became a thoroughly competent artisan, having received his instructions under the direction of Thomas Simmons, of Pittsburg, with whom he worked five years, after which he found employment as a journeyman at his trade, traveling throughout the south and west, and gaining valuable experience and knowledge in the connection. He thus continued until there came the call to higher duty, as the unity of the nation was thrown into jeopardy through armed rebellion. Colonel Anderson was among those who responded to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, and it was his privilege also to go forth as a representative of his native state. He enlisted, April 20, 1861, as a private in Company K, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for a term of three months, his regiment being commanded by Colonel Jarrett. In July, 1861, at the expiration of his term, he received his honorable discharge, but immediately re-enlisted in the same company, of which he was made orderly sergeant at that time, while in September, 1861, he was elected second lieutenant of this company, which was then known as Company K, Fifty-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel John R. Brooke. The regiment left Camp Curtin and proceeded to the front, November 7, 1861, and it was the fortune of the command to thereafter participate in many

of the memorable engagements which marked the progress of the great conflict. December 22, 1862, while in the field, Colonel Anderson re-enlisted, his second term having expired, and this time he tendered his services for three years or during the entire period of the war. He was promoted first lieutenant, September 17, 1862, and recognition of his faithful and valiant service was thereafter accorded in his further promotion, as follows: Captain, April 23, 1864; major, September 1, 1864; and lieutenant-colonel, November 10, 1864. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, (Second Army Corps) with which he served during the greater portion of his time, which covered practically the entire period of the war. In the engagement at Spottsylvania Court House, Colonel Anderson received wounds in the right side of the head and in the left breast, but aside from these injuries his fortune was so propitious as to enable him to remain constantly at the point of duty in the various official positions of which he was in turn incumbent. He was present at the surrender of General Lee, and also took part in the Grand Review in the city of Washington, while he was mustered out June 30, 1865, receiving his pay and his honorable discharge, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 9, 1865.

After the close of his long and faithful service as a loyal soldier of the Republic, Colonel Anderson returned to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, to which section of the state he had moved in 1855-56. He did not resume his trade, but engaged in contracting and building. He followed general construction for about a third of a century. During these years he operated a lumber and planing mill at Latrobe. As he advanced in age he wished to lead a more retired life, so in January, 1902, he chartered his extensive business into a company, retaining a controlling interest in the stock himself, and dividing the balance among his three sons, who have since then been the active operators, with their father as president of the company. The firm is styled George C. Anderson & Sons. They do an immense business, amounting at this date (1905) to about one thousand dollars per day, in the erection of scores of residences and office buildings throughout the state. The sons who are connected with the business are William R., Thomas B. (general manager), and George E., secretary and treasurer. Colonel Anderson is one of the best known and most honored citizens of Latrobe, and has ever been prominent in the furtherance of enterprises and undertakings for the general good of the community, his public spirit being exemplified in no uncertain way, while to him has been given the unequivocal confidence and regard of the community in which he has so long made his home. In politics he is an uncompromising advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party, with which he has been identified from practically the time of its inception, and fraternally he is a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The following tribute to him is found on page 59 of the "Soldiers' Register," kept in the register's office of Westmoreland county: "George C. Anderson, Lieutenant-Colonel, Fifty-third regiment, Veteran Volunteer Infantry, enrolled September 9, 1861; discharged June 22, 1865." "NOTE: Colonel George C. Anderson was one of the bravest and best officers of the regiment. There was no battle in which he bore a part in which he did not distinguish himself."

(Signed)

JOHN R. BROOKE,  
Brigadier-General.

Colonel Anderson married, October 16, 1867, Eliza J. Belford, born in 1845, in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, reared in Youngstown, Pennsylvania, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Belford. Their children are: William R., born July 26, 1868; Thomas B., August 26, 1870; Charles S., April 14, 1873; James

Howard, November 6, 1875; George E., January 2, 1878; John W., February 22, 1880; Mary Jane, July 9, 1882; and Robert W., July 9, 1885. James Howard died February 25, 1878, and John W. passed away September 15, 1881. The other children are living and all still remain residents of Latrobe, where the family is one of distinctive prominence in business, civic and social life. Thomas Belford Anderson, the second son of Colonel Anderson, maintained the family reputation for patriotism by serving with fidelity as a soldier of the United States army in the Philippines, where he remained two years. He is now the business manager of the firm of George C. Anderson and Sons, (Incorporated). He married Ruth Keener, and they have one child, Julia B., born in 1901. Colonel Anderson and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

EDMUND SMITH. One of the sterling citizens and prominent business men of Latrobe, Westmoreland county, is he whose name initiates this article and who has here maintained his home for many years, while his course has been such as to win and retain to him the high regard of the people of the community. He is engaged in the livery business, having large and finely appointed stables at No. 132 Depot street, and catering to the demands of a large and representative patronage. He keeps an average of about twenty head of horses, and the vehicles sent out are of the best type, both in heavy and light rigs, while the genial personality of the proprietor has been an important factor in the upbuilding of the successful enterprise at whose head he now stands.

Mr. Smith is a native of the fair old city of Philadelphia, where he was born March 22, 1852. Edmund Smith has been in a significant way the architect of his own fortunes, since he has been dependent upon his own resources from his boyhood days, and has shown in his career that earnest endeavor and integrity of purpose will bring at least a modicum of success, while the discipline will develop the initiative power of the individual and make him a force in his chosen sphere of endeavor. He secured a common school education of limited order, having been but twelve years of age when he abandoned his studies to assume the practical responsibilities of life. He was identified with farm work until he had reached the age of eighteen years, when he entered upon an apprenticeship at the blacksmith trade, in which he became a skilled workman and to which he devoted his attention for the long period of thirty-two years, at the expiration of which time he established himself in his present line of enterprise, in which his efforts have been attended with most gratifying success. He took up his residence in Latrobe in 1872, and here he has ever been known as a reliable, and enterprising business man and loyal and public-spirited citizen. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and he takes a deep interest in public affairs of a local nature, though the honors and emoluments of public office have had no allurements for him. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Smith married, December 15, 1873, Elizabeth Fisher, born and reared in Westmoreland county, this state, a daughter of Adam and Marie (Oats) Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have six children; Edmund, Jr., engaged in the blacksmith business at Bradenville, this county, where he has a pleasant home; Hattie, remains at the parental home; Marie, wife of Nicholas Dillon, and they reside in Latrobe; and Alexander, Elizabeth and Charlotte, who remain with their parents.

FRANK BENTLEY HARGRAVE was born March 4, 1867, in West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, son of the Rev. O. P. and Rebecca (Harbaugh) Hargrave. Henry Hargrave, grandfather of Frank B.

Hargrave, emigrated to this country from Ireland at a very early day, and was married to Mary Ann Peart. Their son, O. P. Hargrave, father of Frank Bentley Hargrave, was born January 16, 1828, in West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He was ordained into the Baptist church ministry, and in 1884 organized the first Baptist church in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, with which church he was connected until his death, which occurred in 1892. He was also moderator for many years in the Pittsburg Baptist conference.

Frank Bentley Hargrave, son of the Rev. O. P. Hargrave, was graduated from Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1889. Deciding to follow the legal profession he entered into the study of law, and was admitted to the Westmoreland and Allegheny county bars in 1892, and since then has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Latrobe and Greensburg, in which he is eminently successful.

In politics, Mr. Hargrave affiliates with the Republican party. When the Spanish-American war was in progress he enlisted in Company I, Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry, United States Volunteers, and participated in the battle of Malate, which engagement took place July 31 and August 1, 1898, and in the capture of Manila, August 13, 1898. While at Manila with his regiment he was elected a member of the house of representatives, November, 1898.

ARCHANGELO ABBATICCHIO. The career of this well-known and popular citizen of Latrobe, Westmoreland county, illustrates what is possible of accomplishment on the part of the honest and earnest man who comes to our shores from foreign lands and here puts forth his best efforts in making his way to the front. Mr. Abbaticchio came from his native land to America without financial reinforcement or influential friends, and by industry and good management has gained a position of no questionable prosperity, while he has so ordered his course as to commend himself to the confidence and good will of those with whom he has come in contact in the various relations of life. He is now the proprietor of the Latrobe Hotel, where he offers excellent accommodations to the traveling public and where he has built up a large and prosperous business, being one of the successful hotel men of this section of the state.

Mr. Abbaticchio is a native of the famous city of Naples in the fair land of Italy, where he was born January 26, 1842, the son of Nicholas and Pauline Abbaticchio, who there passed their entire lives, the father having been a grocer. Archangelo was reared to manhood in his native land, in whose schools of none the highest order he secured his education. He followed the trade of a barber from his fourteenth year until 1873, when he, by having a friend in Monastery, near Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was induced to seek higher fortune in the New World. He landed in New York City, July 16, 1873, and soon found his way to Westmoreland county, where he operated barber shops in Latrobe, Greensburg, Scottdale, Connellsville, Indiana and Derry for a period of seventeen years. His was the first Italian family to settle in Latrobe, where now so many of his countrymen reside. While working the above period at his trade he had carefully conserved his resources in a financial way, and having higher ambitions he engaged in the hotel business at Latrobe, where he purchased "The Latrobe House," a good property upon which many additional improvements have been made in the intervening years. He has succeeded in building up an excellent business, having given his personal attention to every detail during the past sixteen years. His motto has ever been "honesty and uprightness." Indeed he may well be called a model, and his actions may well be patterned after by not only the foreign born but native born citizens. Since he landed

on our shores his theory has been to save something from his earnings each year, be that more or less, hence with the passing years he has added to his resources, and has always been wise enough to invest in real estate properties within his own county and generally in his home borough. From good investments in realty he has year by year added to his fortune, which has come to be a handsome competency. He now possesses thirty-five residences and business houses in Latrobe, from which he draws an excellent income. Besides this he is materially interested in local coal mine speculations and is accounted among the best financiers of Latrobe. Politically, Mr. Abbaticchio is a supporter of the Democratic party in national politics. The family including himself are of the Catholic faith.

Concerning his domestic relations let it be said that in 1858, beneath the sunny skies of Italy, he married Mary Sorrentino, born in Italy, August 24, 1842, and who accompanied her husband on his removal to America. Mrs. Abbaticchio came from a family of high standing and from which came senators and superior officials in Italy. Of their eight children, three are still at home. The following are the names of the children: 1. Nicholas, born in Italy, 1859, is now a practicing physician at Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He married Georgia Williamson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and they have one daughter, Marie. 2. Albert, born in Italy, 1860, is now conducting a brokerage and exchange business and sells steamship tickets at Latrobe. 3. Pauline, born in Italy, 1862, was educated at St. Xavier College, taught two years and then took the sacred vows of a Sister of Mercy. 4. Horace, born in Italy, 1864, is a merchant in Elwood City, Pennsylvania. He married Bessie Cartright, of that place. 5. Edward, born at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, 1877, became a prominent professional base-ball player, following it for the last nine years, and for the past three years has been with the Boston National League team. He married Annie Connor, of Nashville, Tennessee, and they have one son, Edward, born October 27, 1904. 6. Caroline, born at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, 1881, at home. 7. William, born at Latrobe, 1882, now engaged in the wholesale liquor trade at McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 8. Raymond, born at Latrobe, 1883, now taking his post-graduate course in law at Georgetown (D. C.) College, from which institution he graduated in 1904. He was graduate in law with the class of June, 1906. Too much praise cannot well be given to one whose educational advantages in a foreign land were very limited, but who upon becoming an adopted citizen of the United States practiced even much self-denial in order that his own children might enter and continue in colleges of a high class until fitted to graduate with high honors. Of such foreigners this country can never have too many, for in their hands will our free government ever be secure.

CHARLES H. BOLTON, postmaster of Herminie, was born March 3, 1867, at Irwin, Westmoreland county, one of nine children of William and Catherine (Luffler) Bolton, eight of whom are living: Cora B., wife of C. A. Thompson, of Irwin, Pennsylvania; Ida, wife of John Soles, McKeesport, Pennsylvania; Emma B., wife of John T. Small, of East McKeesport; Frank L., also of East McKeesport; Howard E., who works for Charles H.; Nellie living at home; Gertrude, wife of Frank Gregg, of Irvona, Pennsylvania; and Charles H.

The family is of English descent, the grandfather of Charles H., Jonathan Bolton, coming from England in 1841 and locating at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the butcher business. He died in his sixty-fourth year from an injury received in an accident. His son, William, the father of

Charles H., was born at Pittsburg, Allegheny county, in 1842, and was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools. At the age of fifteen he left home and went to Irwin, where he found employment in the coal mines and continued for fifteen years. He then engaged in the butcher business at Circleville, where he still resides and transacts business. He is very active in church work and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as member of the school board for many years and also as township auditor. The wife of William Bolton, Catherine Luffler Bolton, was born in 1844, on Squirrel Hill, Allegheny county, a daughter of George Luffler. He was a native of Germany, but came to this country in 1838 and located in Allegheny county, where he followed his trade, a carpenter and builder.

Charles H. Bolton was educated in the common schools of his birthplace; at the age of fourteen he took charge of his father's books and became his assistant in the butcher business, and at twenty-one years his father took him into partnership. In 1895 he severed his business relation with his father as a partner, but was employed by him for two more years, during which time he was engaged in building houses at Hermine. In 1897 he went into the butcher business at Herminie, in company with A. H. Plough, under the firm title of Bolton and Plough. Two years later Mr. Plough's interest was purchased by Frank Bolton, and the firm for two years did business under the title of C. H. Bolton and Bro. In 1901 Charles H. bought his brother's interest and has since conducted the business alone. In addition to this he is connected with C. A. Thompson in the real estate business, at Irwin; owns a three-fourth interest in nine residence properties and forty building lots in Herminie; has a one-half interest in the Scott farm in Washington county, Pennsylvania; one-third interest in an oil farm in Washington county, on which there are six producing wells; is the president and organizer of the C. H. Bolton Sand Company of Irwin and McKeesport. He received his appointment as postmaster in 1902, during the administration of President McKinley. He is one of the leading business men and financiers of that section of the county. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, Free and Accepted Masons of Greensburg. Mr. Bolton married June 20, 1894, Margaret White, daughter of James White, of Jacksonville Westmoreland county, by whom he has four children, three of whom survive: Helen, Fred and Margaret Bolton.

ALBERT CLARK HENSEL, an undertaker and liveryman of Herminie, was born in Salem township, Westmoreland county April 5, 1875, a son of Jacob and Mary (Bash) Hensel, one of fourteen children, eleven of whom are still living, namely: William, of Greensburg, engaged in the milk business; Harvey, of Congruity, Pennsylvania, an agent for Bradstreet; Charles McQuown, of Vandergrift; Wesley, of Blissfield, Michigan, county superintendent for Lanawee county; Margaret, widow of G. B. Waugaman, Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Minnie, wife of J. G. Kemp, Greensburg; Sarah, wife of Edward O'Neil, Chambersburg, Indiana; Josephine, a trained nurse in the McKeesport Hospital; Charles, a farmer, at home; Robert, express agent at Monroe, Michigan, for the United States Express Company.

The paternal grandfather was William Hensel, a native and lifelong resident of Westmoreland county. He was a farmer, and also a justice of the peace for many years of Bell township—Squire Hensel—as he was called, being one of the best-known men of that section. He died at the age of eighty-







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two years. Jacob Hensel, the father of Albert C. Hensel, was the son of William and Elizabeth (Buzzard) Hensel, and was born September 18, 1832, or '33, in Bell township, this county. He adopted farming as his occupation, and about 1865 removed from Bell township to Loyaltromia township, where he still makes his home. He is a Republican in politics, and for three years served as poor director, also many years as a member of the school board. He is a member of the German Reform church, and was an officer of that body for several years.

Albert C. Hensel attended the common schools of his native place until he had reached the age of eighteen years, when he went to Apolla, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and found employment in the rolling mills, continuing there for about three years. He then learned the butcher's trade, and was employed in various towns at that business until November, 1904, when he purchased the livery business of James Crosby, of Herminie, where he is at present located. This livery stable was in a run-down condition, but he has fully re-organized the business, and now has one of the best-regulated and most prosperous livery establishments in the county. Mr Hensel served in Porto Rico during the Hispano-American war, a member of Company M, Sixteenth Regiment. Politically he is a Republican, but has never aspired to any office. He is a member of Homestead Lodge, No. 1049, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married April 23, 1902, Emma Hylwick, of Madison, this county, a daughter of Lemuel Hylwick, for many years deceased.

WILLIAM B. JONES, SR., was born in Wales, June 4, 1848. He was the son of Joseph and Gwenny (Gwellem) Jones, and was one of twelve children, of whom two survive: Rachel, wife of John Watkins, Monmouthshire, Wales; and William B., of whom later. Joseph and Gwenny Jones (father and mother) were natives of Wales and spent their entire lives there. Joseph Jones was employed the greater part of his life as foreman in a mine.

William B. Jones came to America when eleven years of age with his brother, John Jones. They located in Oliphant, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, where they were employed in the mines. William had worked the year previous in a mine in Wales as a trapper boy. After spending two years at Oliphant, working in the coal mines, William and his brother went to George's Creek, Maryland, where John went into the hotel business. William, however, continued to work in the mines for ten years, when he came to Connellsville, Pennsylvania. Here he continued mining for sixteen years, and was fire boss the last six years. In 1886 he accepted the same position in the coal mines at Port Royal, Pennsylvania, remaining for six years. He then went to Smithton and opened a hotel known for three years as the Smith House. Later he sold out and came to Suterville, where he opened the Harrison House. When his lease ran out, three years later, he purchased the Suter House, which was a modern brick hotel, and changed the name to the Hotel Jones. Mr. Jones was very successful in the hotel business and deserves much credit. He was educated in the common schools and, being very ambitious, he attended the night school while in Oliphant. In politics he was a liberal Democrat. He was a member of Smithton Lodge, No. 25, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the Sons of St. George.

He married in 1872, Sophia Gallentine, of Salt Lick township, Fayette county, daughter of the Rev. John W. Gallentine, a well known divine of the Church of God, of Fayette county, and who is still living in the county. Mr. Jones had ten children, of whom eight survive: Margaret, wife of Odell Cor-

win, Bell Vernon, Pennsylvania; Gwenny, at home; Lena Leota, at home; Rachael, at home; William, Jr., who works for his father; John, a miner at Suterville; Joseph, who works for his father; Charlie attending school. Mr. Jones died February 13, 1906, but with those who knew him his memory will long be cherished.

DAVID H. SMITH, postmaster of Yohoghany and a merchant of Shaners Station, was born in Milesville, Allegheny county, October 7, 1872. He was the son of Samuel and Martha E. (Murray) Smith, and was one of a family of nine children, four of whom survive: Emma, wife of Alfred Dulin, Shaner; Ruth, wife of William Brown, Sewickley township, Westmoreland county; Edward, Massillon, Ohio; and David H., of whom later. His father, Samuel Smith, was born in 1833, probably in Washington county, on the Yohoghany river. He was reared here and engaged in the work of mining. In 1861 he enlisted in the service of Company D, Ringold Cavalry, serving until the close of the war. While out on scout duty he was severely injured by his horse falling on him. The injury was in the spine and made him a cripple for life. Upon his return from the war he settled at Monongahela City and resumed his work in the mines. About 1872 he removed to Gratstown, and about five years later to Suterville, where he resided up to the time of his death, in 1884, which was occasioned by his being struck by a train while crossing the railroad track. His daughter, who was with him at the time, was so badly injured that she was made a cripple. Mr. Smith was a Republican in politics, and a member of Rankin Post, No. 127, G. A. R., of Boston, Pennsylvania. Martha E. (Murray) Smith, wife of Samuel Smith, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, opposite Monongahela City, in 1837. She was the daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Carney) Murray, natives of Ireland. Her grandfather was a farmer. Her grandmother lived to the age of ninety-eight, while her mother died at McKeesport at the very advanced age of one hundred and three.

The paternal grandparents of David H. Smith were John and Sarah (Boyd) Smith. John Smith was born in Washington county, his ancestors having come from Ireland. He was a farmer and resided the greater portion of his life in Allegheny county. He died in 1884 at the age of eighty-two. Sarah (Boyd) Smith, his wife, was of German parentage, and was the adopted daughter of Archibald Boyd, a prominent farmer of Westmoreland county.

David H. Smith was sent to the Soldiers' Orphans' school at Uniontown, where he received his education. When sixteen years old he left the school and returned to Suterville, where he was employed in the mines for five years. He then entered the employ of Rhodes and Smith, general merchants of Blythedale, as a clerk, remaining with them for six years, after which he came to Shaner Station and was employed three years in the store of L. D. Sisler. In 1901 Mr. Smith engaged in business for himself, opening a general store in Shaners Station, where he has built up a prosperous business. On November 22, 1899, Mr. Smith received an appointment as postmaster under Postmaster General Perry S. Heath and has held the office ever since. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Yohoghany Council, No. 255, Junior Order of United American Mechanics of Suterville, and of the Yohoghany Valley Lodge, No. 555, of Coulter, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the school board, and is one of the well known men of this section of Westmoreland county. Mr. Smith is unmarried.





*Philipp Hermann*

PHILIPP HERMANN, a native of Germany, was born at Seckenbom, Germany, (now Heckmann) Hermann, February 14, 1837.

Philipp Hermann emigrated to this country, New York, in 1855, at the age of eighteen, landed in New York city, and resided there for a few months before he settled. He received a part of his education at the common schools, and also attended school for two years in the English language. For the next few years he was occupied in farming and also in the mercantile business. In 1862 he entered into partnership with August Schaefer, and together they have since opened the Lehighville brewery, which since has become one of the most successful breweries in Lehigh. Mr. Hermann is a landowner, a stockholder, and still deals quite extensively in the coal business. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lehighville, No. 10, of Lehigh, Pennsylvania; the B. P. O. E., of Lehighville, Lehigh, No. 10, of Lehigh.

Mr. Hermann married, June 22, 1861, Susanna Fickler, and their children were: Philipp, deceased; Susanna, deceased; Emma, deceased; Frederick W. Mrs. Hermann passed away, July 18, 1887. Mr. Hermann took for his second wife, November 6, 1891, Cora Fickler, widow, born June 8, 1863, daughter of J. L. Fickler, which children were: Isaac, deceased; Harry, deceased; Eddie, Daisy, Minnie and Cora. In politics Mr. Hermann is a Republican, and has been a candidate from the party ward in religious affairs Mr. Hermann and family are members of the Reformed Church.

DAVID ELWOOD ALBERT Most persistently may we enter in this work a memoir to one who stood as one of the honored citizens and successful business men of Lehigh, Westmoreland county, while he won the regard of the men by reason of his sterling attributes of character and attained to success through his own well directed efforts. He was a man of high intellectuality, and wielded no little influence in the community with whose private and public interests he was so intimately identified while he was one of the prominent merchants of Lehigh at the time of his death, which occurred May 6, 1901. His life was such as to offer both lesson and incentive, and his name will be long held in reverent memory by those who came within the sphere of his gracious and beneficent influence. David Elwood Albert was born in Youngstown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1850, a son of George and Sidney (Jack) Albert, representative of old and honored families of this section, where both were founded in the pioneer era. The father of David E. Albert was a well known and influential citizen of this county where he and his wife continued to reside until death.

David E. Albert secured his early educational discipline in the public schools of Youngstown and supplemented this by academic study and participation of the most earnest and appreciative order, while he put his mathematical attainments to practical test and utilization by engaging in pedagogic work, first as a successful and popular teacher in his native county for a number of years during his early manhood. He finally established himself in the mercantile business in Youngstown, where he built a good trade and remained until 1890, when he removed his business to Lehigh, where he purchased and equipped a general store, and here he met with gratifying success from the start. He was a man of broad mentality and was kindly and charitable in judgment of his fellowmen. He was never known to compromise



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PHILIPP HERRMANN, a merchant of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was born February 14, 1853, in Seckenheim, Germany, the son of Frank B. and Eva C. (Heckmann) Herrmann.

Philipp Herrmann emigrated to this country, November 15, 1881, at the age of twenty-eight, landed in New York city, and later traveled to Latrobe, Pa., where he settled. He received a part of his educational training in Germany, and also attended school for two years in Latrobe, thus acquiring a good knowledge of the English language. For the nine succeeding years after leaving school he was occupied in farming and also in the coal business. In 1890 he entered into partnership with August Schneider, and together they built and opened the Loyalhanna brewery, which since has become one of the largest and most successful breweries in Latrobe. Mr. Herrmann is a large property holder, and still deals quite extensively in the coal business. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 514, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania; the B. P. O. E., of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and the F. O. E.

Mr. Herrmann married, June 22, 1882, Susanna Hacker, and their children were: Philipp, deceased; Susanna, deceased; Frances J., Charles J., and Frederick W. Mrs. Herrmann passed away May 7, 1889, and Mr. Herrmann took for his second wife, November 6, 1891, Catharine Phoebe Cramer, born June 8, 1863, daughter of John Cramer. Their children were: Elsie, deceased; Harry, deceased; Eddie, Daisy, Minnie and George. In politics Mr. Herrmann is a Republican, and has been a councilman from the First ward. In religious affairs Mr. Herrmann and family are members of the Reformed church.

DAVID ELWOOD ALBERT. Most consistently may we enter in this work a memoir to one who stood as one of the honored citizens and successful business men of Latrobe, Westmoreland county, while he won the regard of the men by reason of his sterling attributes of character and attained to success through his own well directed efforts. He was a man of fine intellectuality, and wielded no little influence in the community with whose civic and public interests he was so intimately identified, while he was one of the prominent merchants of Latrobe at the time of his death, which occurred January 6, 1901. His life was such as to offer both lesson and incentive, and his name will be long held in reverent memory by those who came within the sphere of his gracious and beneficent influence. David Elwood Albert was born in Youngstown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1850, a son of George and Sidney (Jack) Albert, representative of old and honored families of this section, where both were founded in the pioneer era. The father of David E. Albert was a well known and influential citizen of this county, where he and his wife continued to reside until death.

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with conscience or to intrigue with any form of questionable undertaking. He stood "four square to every wind that blows," and thus gained and retained a strong hold upon the confidence and regard of those with whom he came in contact, while his loyalty was one of the dominating characteristics of his strong, true nature. In politics he gave his allegiance to the Democratic party, and his religious faith, exemplified in his daily walk, was that of the Reformed church.

Mr. Albert married, May 14, 1873, Anna Kistler Evans, born in Adamsburg, this county, March 3, 1851, a daughter of Abner and Anna Mary (Kistler) Evans, prominent residents of this section, where they passed their entire lives, the father having devoted the major portion of his active career to farming. Mrs. Albert survives her honored husband, and finds her greatest measures of consolation for his loss in the love and solicitude of their five children, all of whom remain beneath the home roof at the time of this writing, their names, with respective dates of birth, being as follows: Bertha E., September 8, 1874; George D., September 6, 1876; Anna M., November 25, 1878; Margaret B., September 15, 1881; and Lucille E., February 6, 1886. George D. is one of the popular young business men of Latrobe, having been for several years employed as bookkeeper in the office of the Latrobe steel works. He married Anna Blair, of Westmoreland County, October 31, 1905. The family is prominent in the social life of the community, and Mrs. Albert is a zealous and devoted member of the Reformed church.

CHARLES W. SAXMAN was born March 23, 1851, in Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, son of John and Catherine (Osborn) Saxman, and a descendant of the old and honorable Saxman family, which is and has been so prominent in this section of the state. John Saxman (father) was a farmer by occupation. He owned a large farm near Harvey's Five Points, in Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he and his wife Catharine (Osborn) Saxman, reared a family of six children. John and Catharine Saxman were leading members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Delmont, Pennsylvania, and took an active part in church work. Catharine (Osborn) Saxman was born in 1820, and died December 5, 1873. John Saxman was born in 1815, and died July 29, 1874. He and his wife, Catharine (Osborn) Saxman, reared a family of six children: 1. Lovenia M., died unmarried March 9, 1904. 2. William H., enlisted to serve for three years in the civil war; after serving about two years he was killed April 1, 1865. He was a member of Company F, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, Richard Coulter in command. 3. Alvin S., married Mary S. Craig; he always resided in Westmoreland county, and his death occurred in Greensburg, March 18, 1895; aged forty-five years, ten months, and twenty-three days. He was a contractor and builder. 4. Charles W., mentioned hereafter. 5. Celia J., married Samuel Duncan; they reside on a farm in Indiana county, Pennsylvania. 6. Anna C., married S. H. Anderson, now resides in Vandergrift, Westmoreland county.

Charles W. Saxman acquired his early education in the public schools of his native county, and later attended Delmont Academy, Delmont, Pennsylvania, also Mount Union College, Ohio. Upon the completion of his studies he engaged in teaching for three winters, assisting his father on the farm during the summer months. The ten succeeding years after the demise of his father, he continued the vocation of school teaching during the winter months, working the home farm alone for the remainder of the year. In the fall of

1885 he removed to Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the mercantile business for two years. At the expiration of that period of time, foreseeing that better opportunities presented themselves in the real estate field, he sold his interest in the former business and gave his entire attention to real estate and fire insurance. Shortly afterward he discontinued the fire insurance business, but continued with the real estate, in which he achieved a large degree of success. In politics he is a Republican. He is held in high esteem by his fellow-townsmen as is shown by the fact that in 1903 he was elected to the office of director of the Home for the Poor of Westmoreland county. He also served for sixteen years as notary public, is now serving his fifth term, and also served three years as tax collector. After the death of his father Mr. Saxman was appointed trustee of the church in his stead, which office he held for ten consecutive years or until his removal to Latrobe. A few years later he became a member of the board of trustees of the Latrobe Methodist Episcopal church, and is still serving in that capacity. His family are also members of the same church. The following societies count Mr. Saxman among their members: The I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 542, of Delmont; Latrobe Council, No. 368, R. A.; Silver Maple Camp, No. 19, W. W., Latrobe; and Meridan Conclave, No. 177, I. O. H., Latrobe. He married, in 1884, Miss Roxanna Markle Lloyd, born December 16, 1861, daughter of George and Elizabeth W. Lloyd. Their children are: Mary Elizabeth, born February 1, 1886; Helen Shields, born December 31, 1888; and Catherine Louise, born November 20, 1890.

GEORGE SEILER. The march of improvement and progress is accelerated day by day and each successive moment seems to demand of men a broader intelligence and greater discernment than did the former, so that successful men must be live men, with power of initiative and with ability to control and direct the enterprises with which they are identified. Among the able and representative business men of Westmoreland county is numbered Mr. Seiler, who has been the maker of his own success, and who is identified with important industrial activities, having been secretary and treasurer of the Enterprise Coal Company and also treasurer of the Loyalhanna Brewing Company, while he is one of the popular and honored citizens of Latrobe, with whose civic and business interests he has long been concerned. Mr. Seiler claims the old Keystone state as the place of his nativity, and here he has continued to live during the entire course of his life, never wavering in his allegiance to the fair old commonwealth. He was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1856, and is a son of George and Kuniganda (Shiswohl) Seiler, both of whom were born and reared in Germany, whence they came to America when young, locating in Pennsylvania, where they continued to reside during the remainder of their lives, the father having been a tanner by vocation.

George Seiler attended the public schools of his native city until he had attained the age of eleven years, when he began the battle of life on his own responsibility, turning his hand to whatever work he could find about the city in which he had his home. At the age of sixteen years he began an apprenticeship at the butcher's trade, to which he continued to devote his attention for seven years in Allegheny City. He was then married and shortly afterward, in 1879, came to Westmoreland county and located in Latrobe, where he opened a meat market and gave himself earnestly to the building up of a profitable trade. He gained the confidence and good will of the community

and was careful and discriminating in his methods, so that the years brought to him a large measure of prosperity, and he was able to expand his field of operations through well directed capitalistic investments. He continued in the meat market business for a quarter of a century, and then disposed of his interests in that line, while he has since given his time and attention largely to his other interests, the more notable of which have already been mentioned. He is a man of sterling character, and well merits the confidence in which he is held in the community which has so long been his home. He has a desirable residence property and other realty in Latrobe, and is one of the public-spirited citizens of the town. In politics he is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, but he has never been an aspirant for public office. He is a member of the Catholic church, and is a member of the Catholic Knights of St. George of Latrobe. Mr. Seiler married in 1879, Anna Gote, born in the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, whence she came with her parents to America when a child. She died June 19, 1896, in Latrobe, and is survived by four children: Edward G., born September 13, 1880; Eleanor K., October 30, 1883; Hilda K., April, 1887; and George A., April 22, 1893. Edward G. married and is a resident of East Pittsburg, where he is in the employ of the Westinghouse Electrical Company. The other children remain at the paternal home. Mr. Seiler married (second), February 1, 1898, Rosa Elizabeth Weis, born in Latrobe, September 1, 1857, a daughter of Michael and Rosa Elizabeth (Keiser) Weis, both of whom were born in Wurtemberg, Germany.

CHARLES SMITH FRY, one of the leading livery men of the borough of Latrobe, was born April 19, 1859, in Mount Pleasant township, son of Lewis R. and Mary (Hair) Fry. The great-grandfather was John Fry, of German ancestry, who emigrated from one of the eastern counties in Pennsylvania and settled in Westmoreland county prior to 1797. He married before coming to western Pennsylvania, and among their children were: John, Isaac, Jonathan, Michael, Margaret and Catharine.

John Fry, son of John Fry, the grandfather of Charles S. Fry, was born in Mount Pleasant township, this county, in 1797, and died when aged about sixty-five years. He married Sarah Richard, by whom nine daughters and one son were born: Lovinia, Lydia, Sarah, Elizabeth, Caroline, Rebecca, Mary, two died young, and Lewis R. All married and settled in Westmoreland county. John Fry was a farmer all his days.

Lewis R. Fry, only son of John and Sarah (Richard) Fry, was born December 28, 1832, in Mount Pleasant township, on the old Fry homestead, and has followed farming all of his active years. He now resides at Latrobe with his son, Charles S. Fry, but still owns the old farm home in Mount Pleasant township. He married Mary Hair, daughter of John and Christina (Goon) Hair. The Hairs were from Ireland, while the Goons were of German extraction. John Hair and his wife reared the following children: John, Isabell, Eliza, Samuel, Leah, Edward, Thomas (died young) and Mary, the mother of Charles S. Fry. Lewis R. and Mary (Hair) Fry were the parents of John Fry, born 1857, married Caroline Aukerman; Charles S. of whom later; Alice, born 1862, died aged two and one half years. The father was a farmer, and in church faith a Lutheran. He believed in and always voted with the Democratic party. He held various township and local school offices, and served in the Pleasant Unity militia company. His wife, Mary (Hair) Fry, passed from

the scenes of this life May 25, 1905, and was buried beside other members of the family at St. Paul's cemetery, near Pleasant Unity.

Charles S. Fry, son of Lewis R. and Mary (Hair) Fry, received his education at the district schools of his native township, and followed farming and stockdealing until 1897, when he removed to Latrobe and there engaged in the livery business, which he still follows in a highly successful manner at No. 215 Main street. Politically he is an ardent Democrat. He has been a member of the Pleasant Unity township school board. Mr. and Mrs. Fry are members of the Lutheran church, and he is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 1188, at Latrobe, of which he is a trustee, American Causalty Company, of Reading, Pennsylvania, and the Columbia Relief Fund Association. Mr. Fry married, October 16, 1879, at Pleasant Unity, Martha Amelia Gallaway, daughter of William and Margaret (Walters) Gallaway, who were farmers and conducted a general store at Lycippus, Pennsylvania. Both are now deceased. Mrs. Fry is one of a family of twelve children. Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Fry have children: Mary, born April 25, 1880; Margaret, March 15, 1883; Lewis W., October 25, 1885; Laura, August 7, 1888; and an infant daughter, born September, died October, 1890; Mildred I., September 2, 1893.

DAVID S. HUTTON, M. D. The father of Dr. David S. Hutton, of Smithton, was Michael Hutton, a native of Rostraver township, where he was born in 1831. He was reared on the home farm and on reaching manhood decided to devote himself to agricultural pursuits. Late in the fifties he moved to Allegheny county and settled in Elizabeth, where he was for some time engaged in mercantile business. Subsequently he disposed of his interest and took up his abode on a farm near Elizabeth, which he cultivated until about 1890, when he retired from active life and removed to Buena Vista, where he now resides. He has never sought political preferment, but has been faithful in all the duties of citizenship and has steadily adhered to the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he holds the offices of steward and trustee. Mr. Hutton married Lavina J. Santee, and their children are: David S., mentioned hereafter; John S., an electrician at Buena Vista; Charles P., a farmer in King City, Missouri; Estelle Kate, born October 8, 1861, now deceased; Theodore F., an electrician at Buena Vista; and Jannette, widow of Albert Patterson, of Buena Vista. The mother of these children died May 3, 1902, at the age of seventy-four, having been born in Ohio in 1839. The father of these children died October 25, 1905.

David S. Hutton, son of Michael and Lavina J. (Santee) Hutton, was born September 17, 1853, in Rostraver township, and was educated at the McKeesport Academy and in the State Normal school at California, Pennsylvania. He assisted in the labors of the home farm until his twenty-third or twenty-fourth year, and then for six years taught in the public schools. During that period he took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. R. S. Steward, of Buena Vista, now of Washington, Pennsylvania, and in the autumn of 1885 entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, Maryland, graduating in the spring of 1887 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately thereafter he settled at Shaners' Station, and five years later removed to Smithton, where he has built up a remunerative practice. Dr. Hutton devotes particular attention to gynaecology, diseases of the heart, throat and lungs, and to surgery, having taken special courses in all these branches. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the Westmoreland County

Medical Society. Dr. Hutton is now serving on the town council. He belongs to Smithton Lodge, No. 978, I. O. O. F., the K. O. T. M., the Ancient Order of Foresters of America, Smithton Lodge, No. 328, Knights of Pythias, the Golden Commandery, and the A. and I. O. K. of M. He is a Republican in politics. Dr. Hutton married in 1887, Jennie F. McConnell, of Elizabeth, Allegheny county, and their children are: Halsey, Rienza, and Lorn S. Mrs. Hutton died September 19, 1897, and in 1899 Dr. Hutton married Anna L., daughter of Josiah Hough, of South Huntingdon township. Of this marriage there is no issue.

**JOSEPH SMITH.** John Smith, great-grandfather of Joseph Smith, of Smithton, was a business man of Philadelphia, and in 1798 purchased twenty-two or twenty-three hundred acres of land in Huntingdon township. His wife was Brandina Updegroft. Mr. Smith died in Philadelphia.

Joseph Smith, son of John and Barndina (Updegroft) Smith, was sent by his father to Huntingdon township to look after the property there. He was accompanied by his father-in-law, Henry Rhodes, and his family. On the land was an old log house which had been built by Colonel Hays, of the colonial legislature, and is probably one of the oldest houses in the county, being still in a fair state of preservation. In 1801 or 1802 Mr. Smith built a grist-mill, which was a landmark for many years, being constructed of stone. In 1833 he was appointed by Governor George Wolf, justice of the peace, to serve during life or good behavior, and while never a seeker for political preferment was prominent in local politics. He married Mary, daughter of Henry Rhodes. The death of Mr. Smith occurred in 1852, when he attained the advanced age of eighty-four.

Samuel Smith, son of Joseph and Mary (Rhodes) Smith, was born in 1802, and on reaching manhood took charge of the milling business established by his father and made it his life-long occupation. He married Jane Hanna, and of the seven children born to them four survive: Julia Ann, widow of J. D. Hough, of Smithton; George, of Smithton; Joseph, mentioned hereafter; and Margaret J., widow of Michael Silsley, of West Newton. Mr. Smith died in 1870.

Joseph Smith, son of Samuel and Jane (Hanna) Smith, was born January 26, 1837, at Smith's Mills, now Smithton, where he attended the common schools, afterward taking a business course at Duff's College, Pittsburg. From boyhood up he worked in the mill with his father, acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business, and when his father retired, several years prior to his death, Mr. Smith assumed the whole management. Later he gave up the milling business, and for some years was employed in his brother's store (the first established in Smithton), subsequently taking charge of the grain warehouse of William Welch & Company, a Pittsburg grain firm having a branch at Smithton. When Mr. Welch sold out to D. H. Williams, Mr. Smith retained his position, his connection with the two firms covering a period of ten or twelve years. In 1882 he was elected to the legislature, serving in the memorable session of 1883, which lasted during an entire year. After the expiration of his term he returned home, and for some years was variously employed. In 1892 he was elected justice of the peace, and has since served continuously in this office. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Universalist church. Mr. Smith married in 1868, Debbie A. Francis, of Bethany, and eight children were born, six of whom are living: Robert F., proprietor of the Smithton mills; Leonora, wife of Albert G. Lynn; Jessie, at home; William W., at home; Margaret, at home; and John C., at home.

**JACOB FRICK ROWE.** The family of which Jacob Frick Rowe, of Jacobs Creek, is a member, was founded in Westmoreland county about a century since by Andrew Rowe, who settled on a farm on Barren Run, in South Huntingdon township. He was a local preacher in the Lutheran church. His wife was Susan Freed, and they were the parents of a son, Joseph, mentioned hereafter. Andrew Rowe, at the time of his death, was nearly ninety years old, and his wife almost equalled him in longevity.

Joseph Rowe, son of Andrew and Susan (Freed) Rowe, was born near West Newton, and on reaching manhood acquired a farm in South Huntingdon township, on which he resided for the remainder of his life. In politics he was a staunch Republican, but never an office-seeker. He was a member of the United Baptist church, which he served in an official capacity for many years. He married Ada Frick, and their children were: Jacob Frick, mentioned hereafter; John Milton, store manager for the Pittsburg Coal Company, at Smith-ton; Amos; Ulysses G.; Harriet R., wife of O. C. Rhoades, of South Huntingdon township; Caroline M., married M. Q. Shupe, also of South Huntingdon township; and David E., resides at home with his brothers, Amos and Ulysses G. Mr. Rowe died January 25, 1905, aged eighty-one years and one month.

Jacob Frick Rowe, son of Joseph and Ada (Frick) Rowe, was born October 31, 1858, in South Huntingdon township, and was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and West Newton borough. In his twenty-first year he began to teach and continued to do so for seven years in the counties of Fayette and Westmoreland. He then accepted a position in the store of the Waverly Coal & Coke Company, at Smithton, where he was employed two years. In 1890 he moved to Jacob's Creek, where he purchased property and engaged in mercantile business for himself. In this enterprise he has been very successful, and is now one of the leading merchants of the place. For several years he has been postmaster of Jacob's Creek. Mr. Rowe was one of the original stockholders in the First National Bank of West Newton, and still retains his stock in that institution. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, and has been for years actively devoted to the interests of the organization, although never desiring office. He is a member of the Baptist church, in which he serves as clerk. Mr. Rowe married in 1890, Annette, daughter of Jacob Zundel, of Rostraver township, and their children are: Jessie M., Emma, William McK., Ada, Edward S., and Florence.

**DAVID OLIVER McNUTT.** The father of David Oliver McNutt, of Jacobs Creek, was John McNutt, a native of Ireland, where he was born about 1835. In his early manhood he came to the United States to visit a sister who resided in Philadelphia, and was so much pleased with the country that he decided to remain and make it his home. After spending some time in Philadelphia he settled in Greenoak, Allegheny county, where he engaged in farming. On the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the army, serving three years, and after his return home remained some years in Allegheny county. He then moved to Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, where he purchased a farm, which was his home for the remainder of his life. Mr. McNutt married Sarah Clark, and of their nine children eight survive: William, resides in Rostraver township; Samuel, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska; John, resides in South Huntingdon township; Anna, married George Beaumont, of Rostraver township; Maria, resides at home; Margaret, wife of Lewis Carter, of Fayette county; Fannie, resides in Pittsburg; and David Oliver, mentioned hereafter. At the time of his death Mr. McNutt was about sixty-two years of age.

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public office. Mr. Jones is a man of dignified appearance and pleasing personality. He has devoted much of his time to reading, and is a ready and fluent speaker on all topics of interest. He is a believer in liberal education, and his children have had all the advantages that money and the best teachers could give. He and his family live in a commodious and elegant dwelling in Latrobe, one of the finest, if not the finest, in that town. Mr. Jones held for many years the office of vice-president of the People's National Bank, and is a member of the board of directors of that institution; he is president and director of the Adamston Coal & Coke Company, of West Virginia. For twenty-two years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is now president of the board of trustees. He is also a member of the following organizations; R. A., No. 368; Latrobe Council; I. O. H., and K. P.

Mr. Jones married (first) January 6, 1876, Julia Kelly, born March 26, 1856, near Scottdale, Pennsylvania, died January 5, 1897. She was the daughter of Campbell and Sarah Kelly. Their children were: C. Kelly, Mary M., Thomas L., Sarah N. Mr. Jones married (second) January 31, 1905, Mrs. Sarah F. (Lloyd) Cline, who bore him one child, Daniel Lloyd Jones.

JAMES Q. LEMMON, M. D. The medical profession in Westmoreland county has an able and popular representative in Dr. James Q. Lemmon, who is not only a native of the county but also a scion old and distinguished pioneer families of this favored section of the Keystone state. He maintains his home in the attractive little city of Latrobe, and controls a large practice throughout the section of the county tributary to the town, while he has gained distinction and prestige as one of the successful physicians and surgeons of his native commonwealth, being thus doubly entitled to recognition in a publication of the province assigned to the one at hand.

Dr. Lemmon was born in Fairfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1852, and was the first in order of birth of the three children of Nathan W. and Margaret (Quinn) Lemmon, while all of the children are living at the time of this writing. Thomas Lemmon, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Lemmon, was born in Westmoreland county and located in Fairfield township, becoming one of the pioneer farmers of that section, where he passed the remainder of his life, having been a man of sterling character and a life long member of the old-time "Seceder" religious denomination. His death occurred in 1863. The grandfather of Dr. Lemmon in the maternal line was James Quinn, born in 1897, in county Derry, Ireland, where he was reared to maturity. In 1817 he set forth to establish a home in America, embarking on a sailing vessel, which proceeded successfully across the deep only to be wrecked on the turbulent coast of New Foundland, the supposition having been that the captain of the vessel compassed its destruction in order to secure heavy insurance idemnity, for which he had arranged shortly before sailing. The women, children and others who could not swim were safely conveyed to shore in the boats, while the others on board, including Mr. Quinn, swam the half mile to shore through a rough and heavy sea, all escaping. James Quinn lost all his personal effects through this disaster, and from New Foundland he worked his way to the city of Philadelphia, from which point he came to Westmoreland county, where by thrift, frugality and prudent management he acquired a very considerable landed estate before his death, which occurred in 1868. He was one of the honored pioneers of the county and his life was one of signal integrity and usefulness, while it was prolonged beyond the psalmist's span of three score years and ten.

Nathan W. Lemmon, father of Dr. Lemmon, was born in Fairfield township, this county, in 1820, and he passed the closing years of his life in Derry township, where he took up his residence in 1858, about six years after the birth of him whose name initiates this sketch. He ever maintained his allegiance to the great basic art of agriculture and became one of the prominent and influential farmers of his township, while as a citizen his standing was of the highest, implying his definite hold on the confidence and regard of his fellowmen. He was a staunch Democrat in his political proclivities, but was never ambitious for public office, though he served two terms as school director. His marriage to Margaret, the only daughter of James Quinn, was solemnized in 1850, and they became the parents of three sons: James Q., Thomas S., and George M. Mrs. Lemmon was summoned into eternal rest in April, 1891, in her sixty-eight year, and he passed to his reward January 18, 1903, at the venerable age of eighty-two years and six months, his demise having occurred on the old homestead farm which had been continuously in the family possession for a period of one hundred and sixteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Lemmon were zealous and consistent members of the United Presbyterian church, with which they became identified in 1858, at the time of its organization through the union of the Seceder and Associate Reformed Presbyterian bodies.

Dr. James Q. Lemmon passed his youth in Derry township, and early began to contribute his quota to the work of the home farm, while his preliminary educational discipline was secured in the district schools of the neighborhood. At the age of sixteen years he entered the Latrobe high school, where he continued his studies for two years, after which he put his attainments to practical test by teaching two winter terms in the schools of Derry township, meeting with marked success in his pedagogic efforts. He then took a course in Duffs Commercial College, in the city of Pittsburg, being graduated from that school as a member of the class of 1872. For the ensuing three years he was engaged as a bookkeeper for Murdock, Covode and Company a large mercantile firm, whose head office was at Ligonier, Pennsylvania, where he proved his fitness for the work of an expert accountant, which experience he says was to him a great service in after years, just the discipline every man needs regardless of what he intends to follow for a vocation. He then continued his educational work in the academic sense by entering the Pennsylvania State College, in Center county, where he took a special course in the classics, as well as in the leading branches of mathematical, natural and physical science. He made especially gratifying progress in chemistry, in which he became very proficient in both a theoretical and practical way. In 1878-79 he read medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Jared Y. Dale, a representative physician of Lemont, Center county, and in September, 1879, he matriculated in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, in the city of Philadelphia, where he attended the three regular and required courses of lectures and also two special courses. He was graduated as a member of the class of 1882 and received his coveted and well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. In his graduation he received second honors in his class, having acquired a grade average of ninety-eight and six tenths out of a possible one hundred, on eleven examinations in a class of one hundred and fifty-nine members, of whom one hundred and seventeen were graduated in 1882. The remaining forty-two failed to meet the requirements in point of efficiency demanded for graduation in that venerable and celebrated institution.

Shortly after his graduation Dr. Lemmon located in Latrobe, where he has

ever since been actively and most successfully established in the practice of his chosen profession, representing a period of nearly a quarter of a century, and that filled with ceaseless toil and endeavors and with zealous regard for and appreciation of the responsibilities of the exacting profession which demands of its devotees all of loyalty and self-abnegation, beside constant study and investigation. He controls a large and representative practice, is local examiner for six of the leading life insurance companies of the United States, and is held in unequivocal esteem and regard both as a physician and as a citizen. Measured by his success and popularity in his community, Dr. Lemmon rightfully enjoys the reputation that he has honestly won as a skillful and well qualified physician and surgeon. He is the owner of a very fine medical and literary library, and is recognized as a man of high attainments, while his genial and gracious personality has tended to heighten his popularity among all classes. In politics he accords a stalwart allegiance to the Democracy, and both he and Mrs. Lemmon are valued members of the United Presbyterian church. The family home is one of the most attractive in Latrobe, being located on East Main street and being a fine brick structure, equipped with modern improvements, including a steam-heating plant. The beautiful home is a center of gracious hospitality, and the family is one of much prominence in the best social life of the community.

Dr. Lemmon married, June 27, 1883, Martha Steele, youngest daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hanna) Steele, of Unity township, this county. Dr. and Mrs. Lemmon became the parents of one daughter and three sons, the daughter having died in infancy while the three sons remain at the parental home, their names are: George Steele, born October 18, 1887; Willis Chester, born July 1, 1890; and James Russell, born December 5, 1894.

SAMUEL EDGAR BIRCHFIELD, M. D. The spirit of a strong and noble manhood burned in the mortal tenement of Dr. Samuel E. Birchfield, who labored with all zeal and ability in the humane and exacting profession for which he had so eminently qualified himself. He was engaged in the practice of his profession in Latrobe, Westmoreland county, at the time of his death, in the very prime of his manhood, and to him was accorded the unqualified confidence of all who knew him. He was a physician and surgeon of high attainments, and as a man and citizen he stood representative of the utmost loyalty and the highest integrity of purpose and personality. Dr. Birchfield was a native of the old Keystone state, having been born in the village of Tarentum, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1854, and having been a son of William and Rachel (McCall) Birchfield, who continued to reside there for the major portion of their lives, the father having been engaged in agriculture.

Dr. Samuel Edgar Birchfield was reared to maturity in his native county, and after completing the curriculum of the public schools continued his incursions into the higher fields of academic study and finally determined to adopt the profession of medicine as his vocation in life. With this end in view he took up a course of technical reading and then entered the medical department of the celebrated University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he completed the prescribed course and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He ever afterward continued a close and enthusiastic student of his profession, and was recognized as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of Westmoreland county at the time of his death. In 1881, shortly after his graduation, Dr. Birchfield came to Latrobe and here established him-

self in the practice of his profession, while with the passing of the years he found himself growing in the confidence and regard of the people of the community and thus built up a most flourishing practice, which extended over a wide field and which was thoroughly representative in the matter of clientage. He continued to minister with all of devotion and kindness to the suffering and afflicted of this locality until he was called from his labors, being summoned to the life eternal January 21, 1903, while the community in which he had so effectively lived and labored felt a sense of personal loss and bereavement when death stilled the earnest heart of this honored citizen. He was a great student, not only in his profession but in all other fields, scientific, and a great Biblical student. He was always called in to examine members of the graduating class in high school, was consulted by all, and everybody referred to him for final decision. Dr. Birchfield was a member of several medical societies, and fraternally was identified with the Woodmen of the World. In politics he was a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and while never an aspirant for office was called upon to serve as a member of the borough council and also as a member of the local board of education, in each of which capacities he manifested his loyalty to his home town and its highest interests. He was a Presbyterian in religion.

Dr. Birchfield married, April 23, 1891, Juniata McNamara, born and reared in Hollidaysburg, Blair county, this state, being a daughter of Robert and Eliza (McConnell) McNamara. Mr. McNamara was for many years a prominent merchant and influential citizen of Hollidaysburg, where he continued to reside until his death, his wife also being deceased. They became the parents of seven children, namely: Juniata, Robert, deceased; William W., Lillian P., Martha, John and Mary B. Mrs. Birchfield still resides in the pleasant home provided for her by her lamented husband, in Latrobe, and here she is prominent in the social life of the community, while she finds solace in the devoted solicitude of her many loyal friends. Of her children we enter the following brief record: Rachel H. was born February 22, 1892; Eliza Esther, June 20, 1893, died September 4, 1893; Dorothy Cornelia, January 12, 1895; and Henrietta Marion, September 6, 1899.

JOHN W. HUGHES, M. D. Among those whose lives and labors conferred distinction and honor on the history of Westmoreland county was Dr. John W. Hughes, who was one of the able members of the medical profession in this section of the state, and who was one of the most popular and influential citizens of Latrobe, where he was actively engaged in practice for many years and where he was also prominently identified with business and civic affairs, having been president of the Citizens' National Bank of this place at the time of his death which occurred September 11, 1902.

Dr. Hughes was born near Corsica, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, March, 1838, and was the fourth in order of birth of the children of Samuel B. and Mary (Wilson) Hughes. The Hughes family is of Scotch-Irish lineage, and that branch of which Dr. Hughes was a representative was early founded in Pennsylvania, members of the family having been among the first pioneers to settle west of the Allegheny mountains in this state. William Hughes, grandfather of Dr. Hughes, was a farmer by vocation, and in early life married a Miss Barnett, a representative of the well known family of that name which early settled near New Derry, Westmoreland county, being prominent in the Presbyterian church for many generations. Samuel B. Hughes, father of Dr. Hughes, was born near Latrobe, this county, and died in 1874,



at the age of sixty-five years. He was prominently identified with lumbering and merchandising in Punxsutawney and Brookville, Jefferson county, and continued resident of that county until his demise, where he was held in the highest esteem as a citizen and as a successful and influential business man. He espoused the cause of the Republican party at the time of its organization, and both he and his wife were zealous and devoted members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Their marriage was solemnized about the year 1828, and of their five children only two are living at the time of this writing.

Dr. John W. Hughes passed his youth in his native county, in whose common schools he secured his preliminary education, which he supplemented by a course of study in the academy at Gladerun, Pennsylvania, while he took up the study of medicine under an able preceptor, Dr. Andrew J. Johnson, of Jefferson county, and finally entered the Ohio College of Medicine and Surgery, in Cincinnati, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1863. Very soon after securing from this institution the degree of Doctor of Medicine he entered the service of his country, which was at that time involved in the great civil war. He enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment as assistant surgeon, but was soon promoted to the responsible position of surgeon of the Fifth Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving in this capacity until the close of the war. In 1866 Dr. Hughes located in Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession about one year, at the expiration of which time he removed to Blairsville, Indiana county, where he continued in successful practice for more than fifteen years, during the greater portion of which he was also surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1884 he came to Latrobe, where he continued to devote his attention to the practical work of his noble profession until there came to him inexorable summons of death, and his loss was one which was deeply felt in the community and in the profession which he had dignified and honored by his able services. Besides controlling a large and representative general practice Dr. Hughes gave special attention to the treatment of the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and in this department of his work he gained a very high repute. He was a man of the highest professional attainments and ever kept in close touch with the advances made in the sciences of medicine and surgery, having recourse to the best standard and periodical literature pertaining thereto, holding membership in various medical societies and being a close student and careful investigator. In 1865 he took a complimentary and special post-graduate course in the Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, while he also did post-graduate work in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, in the same city. He was an appreciative member of Loyalhanna Lodge, No. 275, A. F. and A. M.; P. A. Williams Post, No. 4, G. A. R.; and the I. O. O. F. In his political adherency he was a stalwart Republican, and ever took a lively interest in the cause of the "grand old party." He was public-spirited as a citizen, and his influence was exerted in the promotion of worthy objects for the general good. He was the founder of the Citizens' National Bank of Latrobe and was president of the institution at the time of his death. He was one of the influential and valued members of the Presbyterian church in his home town, and was a member of its board of trustees for a number of years prior to his demise.

Dr. Hughes was twice married. He married, July 5, 1865, Anna Torrence, daughter of the late Hon. James Torrence, of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, and she passed away in 1870, leaving two sons; James, born May 18, 1866, and who is now successfully engaged in the real estate business in the

city of Latrobe; and Samuel B., born January 13, 1868, died in 1896. Dr. Hughes married (second), January 4, 1877, Jennie E. Zimmers, who survives him and who still resides in the attractive family homestead in Latrobe. She was born and reared in Blairsville, Indiana county, where her father, Jacob Zimmers, was a prominent business man, and of this second union were born three children: Elizabeth Z., born January 28, 1879; John Jacob, born January 10, 1889; and Jean Lucille, born January 17, 1890. All of the children remain at the parental home, and are popular in the social life of the community.

LOUIS MAIER. There is no nation that has contributed to the complex makeup of our American social fabric an element of more sterling worth and of greater value in supporting and fostering our national institutions than has Germany. From this source our republic has had much to gain and nothing to lose. Germany has given us men of sturdy integrity, indomitable perseverance, high intelligence and much business sagacity, the result being the incorporation of a strong and strength-giving fiber, ramifying through warp and woof. A man who may well look with pride upon his German lineage is Louis Maier, who came to America from the fatherland when a young man, and who has attained prosperity through well directed effort, being the popular and genial proprietor of the Hotel Maier, in West Latrobe, while he is held in high esteem as a reliable business man and loyal citizen of his adopted country. He is a native of the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, having been born in the town of Allmersbach, November 21, 1861, a son of Gottlieb and Maria (Miller) Maier, who are now deceased, the father having long followed the vocation of farmer.

Louis Maier was reared to maturity in his native province, and in the excellent national schools of his fatherland he received his educational training which was such as to well qualify him for the active duties of life and to enable him to acquire readily a knowledge of the English language when necessity demanded. After leaving school Mr. Maier devoted his attention to cabinet-making until 1880, when he decided to take the same course as had so many of his worthy countrymen, and he came to the United States, landing in the city of Baltimore, September 15. In that city he found employment and there continued to make his home for a period of twelve years, during the latter portion of which period he was engaged in hotel business, while in the meantime he married and established a home for himself. He removed in 1892 from Baltimore to West Latrobe, where he erected the Hotel Maier, which he has since successfully conducted. The building is an attractive and substantial frame structure of three stories, and is well arranged and admirably equipped for hotel purposes. Mr. Maier and his wife are deservedly popular with the traveling public, their guests manifesting a due appreciation of the accommodations and courtesies of the attractive hotel. In his political sympathies Mr. Maier is an advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and he takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, while he is known as a reliable and enterprising business man and loyal citizen. He married, December 23, 1888, Ida E. Shank, daughter of John and Sarah (Gardiner) Shank, who were at that time residents of West Latrobe. They now make their home in West Latrobe, and on other pages of this work appears an individual sketch touching the career of Mr. Shank and offering due genealogical data. Mr. and Mrs. Maier have two children: Sarah Alice, born March 1, 1894; and John Louis, born December 15, 1901.

**GEORGE W. TORRENCE.** The father of George W. Torrence, of Smithton, was James Torrence, a native of Scotland, who married Nancy J. Taylor, who was born and bred in Indiana. They were the parents of six children, the sole survivor being George W. Torrence, born May 21, 1862, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

As early as his ninth year Mr. Torrence began to work for neighboring farmers, and in his intervals of labor attended the common schools. At the age of twenty he went to work in the Eureka mines in South Huntingdon township, where he was employed for four years. He was then employed for eighteen months in the store of Rhoades Brothers & Newcomer, at Jacobs Creek, after which he moved to Smithton where he opened a barber's shop, employing a barber under whose instructions he acquired a thorough knowledge of the business. Two years later, when Benjamin Harrison was elected president, Mr. Torrence was appointed postmaster of Smithton, serving during the ensuing four years, and for six months under the Cleveland administration. When McKinley was elected Mr. Torrence was reappointed, and has since served continuously. He is a member of Smithton Lodge, No. 328, Knights of Pythias, and Greensburg Lodge, No. 511, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Torrence married in 1885, Ada May, daughter of W. N. Lynn, of Jacobs Creek, and six children have been born to them, four of whom survive: Capitola, Grace, B. Harrison and Chalmer. All these children are at home with their parents. The musical talent of the family is remarkable. Mr. Torrence and all his children, down to the youngest, are musicians and are able to play with skill on various instruments.

**PHILIP H. DAVIS.** The paternal grandfather of Philip H. Davis, of Sutersville, was Philip Davis, a farmer of Staffordshire, England, who emigrated to the United States in 1841, settling in Trumbull county, Ohio, and afterward purchasing a farm near Sharon, Pennsylvania, adjoining the state line. On this farm he passed the remainder of his life, and for many years conducted a dairy. The christian name of his wife was Ann. The death of Mr. Davis occurred in 1865, when he was in the sixty-sixth year of his age.

John B. Davis, son of Philip and Ann Davis, was born in 1831, in Staffordshire, England, and was ten years old when the family came to the United States. He was associated with his father in the dairy business, and in 1864 moved to Hubbard, Ohio, where for four years he held the position of mine foreman. He then removed to Bethel, Pennsylvania, where he served two years as mine boss, after which he went to Coalburg, Ohio, and there worked in the mines for three years. At the end of that time he returned to the old homestead in Trumbull county, remaining some three years and then retiring from active life. After residing for a year on the state line between Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and Trumbull county, Ohio, he removed to Massillon, Ohio, and there passed the residue of his days. Politically he was a Democrat. He married Jeannette, born in 1832, in Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of Alexander and Mary Thornton, who emigrated to the United States about 1840. Mr. Thornton purchased a farm near Sharon, between that place and Sharpsburg. Six acres of this land he subsequently sold at a good price to the old Sharpsburg furnaces, and some time later sold the remainder of the farm for twenty-eight thousand dollars to Strawbridge & Trout, who desired it for speculative purposes. He then purchased for eighteen thousand dollars a farm of two hundred and four acres situated back of Sharpsburg, this land being still in the possession of his heirs. He died on this farm about 1888, aged

eighty-for years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Davis consisted of the following children: Alexander, mine superintendent at Wadsworth, Ohio; Anna, wife of Manna Joy, of Akron, Ohio; Philip H., mentioned hereafter; Mary, wife of William Wilson, of Sharon, Pennsylvania; Charles, policeman at Massillon, Ohio; Margaret, at home. The death of Mr. Davis, the father, which occurred February 13, 1904, was the result of an accident. Within three hundred yards of his home he was struck by a train of the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne Railroad. His widow resides in Massillon, Ohio.

Philip H. Davis, son of John B. and Jeannette (Thornton) Davis, was born March 22, 1858, in Trumbull county, Ohio, where he received his education in the common schools. In his eighth year he went into the mines as trapper boy under his father, who was at that time mine foreman. For twenty-three years thereafter Philip H. Davis was connected with mining. In 1880 he went to Scott Haven, and one year later to Sutersville, where in 1892 he was given a license for a hotel which he conducted until 1897, when he sold the business and removed to McKeesport. After three years' residence there he returned to Sutersville and purchased his old hotel, the Harrison House, of which he is now the successful proprietor. He is a member of McKeesport Lodge, No. 136, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Lodge of Heptasophs, also of McKeesport, and Sutersville Lodge, No. 405, Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Davis married in 1879, Mary Elizabeth Harrison, of Sharon, and six of their seven children are now living: Harry, storekeeper of the light plant of the National Tube Works, McKeesport; Frederick, employed in the machine shops of the National Tube Works; Margaret, at home; Philip, at home; Minta, at home; and Lillian, at home.

JAMES W. HOPKINSON. The paternal great-grandfather of James W. Hopkinson, of Sutersville, was William Hopkinson, a man of wealth and influence in Derbyshire, England, where he was the proprietor of an inn and the owner of extensive farm lands. His son, also William Hopkinson, was a native of Derbyshire, and married Ann Bracknell, born in Nottinghamshire, which was also the birthplace of their son, James Hopkinson, in 1826. He was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools, afterward taking up the study of veterinary surgery and becoming one of the best known veterinarians in that part of England, having charge of many of the royal stables. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was for many years an active worker and officer in the Plymouth Methodist Episcopal church. James Hopkinson married Ann H., born in 1827, daughter of John and Ann Horsepool, of Calverton, Nottinghamshire, where the former was a prosperous manufacturing confectioner. He and his wife were the parents of two sons, John and Thomas, who were in the marine service of the British army. The deaths of both were the result of wounds, and their bravery met with recognition from the government. John is buried at Bengal, and Thomas in the Ascension Islands, Africa. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson six survive: John T., of Gratztown; Sarah, of Nottinghamshire, England; James W., mentioned hereafter; William, of Gratztown; Thomas, of Nottinghamshire; and Samuel, associated in business with James W. Mrs. Hopkinson, the mother, only surviving member of her family, resides in Hucknall Toakard, Nottinghamshire. The death of the father occurred in 1898.

James W. Hopkinson, son of James and Ann H. (Horsepool) Hopkinson, was born April 16, 1863, in Calverton, Nottinghamshire, and received his edu-





*Almon R. Young*

cation in the common schools and at boarding schools. His father wished him to go to college, but the youth himself was not inclined to it, and having begun work in the brickyards learned the arts of making and burning bricks. At the age of nineteen he went to work in the mines, where one year later he successfully engaged in contracting. In 1887 he emigrated to the United States, landing on June 6 in Philadelphia, whence he proceeded to Gratztown, where he became a contractor for the Penn Gas Coal Company. He gained the good will of the workingmen, became a power in the coal mines union and for years was state delegate for the mines. He was one of the first members of the Widows' and Orphans' relief committee of the Mines Union of Great Britain. His influence with the miners caused him to be laid off by the coal operators, and in 1893 he became manager of the store at Blackburn owned by Thomas A. Sprague, of Pittsburg. For two years he retained this position, and in 1895 engaged in business for himself in Sutersville. In 1900 he opened the Brown Hotel, which he has since successfully conducted. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Mystic Chain, and the Sons of St. George, supports and advocates the principles and candidates endorsed by the Democratic party, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hopkinson married, July 28, 1890, Mary, daughter of George Leah, of Gratztown, now of Greensburg, and five children have been born to them, three of whom are living: James, Amy Ruth, and Ann H.

ALMON R. YOUNG, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was born January 31, 1855, in Mercer county, near Mercer, Pennsylvania, the son of Lewis C. and Margaret (Glendening) Young.

Mr. Young's education was acquired chiefly in the public schools of his native town, and at the age of fifteen years he left the school room to learn the carpenter's trade with James A. Campbell, with whom he worked for several years, thus acquiring a good general knowledge of the business and practical experience that would be of value to him in later years. He subsequently purchased an interest in a planing mill, which he followed until 1891. He then came to Greensburg, in the fall of 1888, and here worked at carpentering for two years, and during the succeeding two years the real estate business occupied the most of his attention, Mr. Young being engaged in this business with Amos Steck. For the next three years his time was occupied in selling building supplies on the road. At about this time a good opening presented itself for starting a first-class laundry in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Young, taking advantage of this opportunity, in 1897, opened what was known as the Westmoreland Steam Laundry, now the Keystone, in which he was eminently successful. In 1901 he removed his business to Latrobe, Pennsylvania, there starting the Latrobe Steam Laundry, and three years later his son-in-law became a member of the company. Previous to January, 1901, the date that Mr. Young removed his business to Latrobe, the history of the laundry business in that town was one of failure and discouragement, and the prejudice that had been established against the former laundries of that place, occasioned presumably by poor management, was of such a nature as seemed almost impossible to overcome. Almon R. Young purchased the entire plant, including the building, and set himself to the task of improving and entirely reconstructing the old place. It was equipped with the newest and best machinery, and the business started. The result was what Mr. Young expected, success. His business increased to such an extent that new appliances and more machinery were in order, and the four people whose names appeared on the pay roll at the

beginning of the business have been increased to thirty, and the one delivery wagon which was used has been supplemented by four. Among the interesting machines now in use at the Latrobe Steam Laundry are the dampeners, folders, and the steam collar and cuff ironers. The greatest care is exercised in handling every article, and this is one of the great secrets of the laundry's success. Mr. Young's business is certainly one of the most flourishing industries of Latrobe, and an example of what patience, perseverance, energy and honest work can do in the way of overcoming obstacles and building up a successful business. All told, the Latrobe Steam Laundry is a model in equipment and production, and the proprietors, Mr. Almon R. Young and Mr. Harry Brindle are certainly to be congratulated on their well-deserved success.

Mr. Young married Margaret J. Madden, daughter of Charles and Mary J. (Shivley) Madden, and their children were: Minnie Madge, born July 3, 1879; Cecil Mary, August 2, 1881, married Harry Brindle, November 2, 1903, who is a partner in business with her father; Alice L., April 30, 1887; and Maragret E., December 18, 1892.

MORRISON R. MOORE, whose residence in McKeesport is among the most modern and substantial in that thriving town, is a son of Thomas and Mary Jane Moore, and his birth occurred in Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1847.

The common schools in the vicinity of his home afforded Morrison R. Moore the means of obtaining a practical education which thoroughly qualified him for a life of activity and usefulness. After laying aside his books, at the age of seventeen years, he assumed charge of his father's coal yard, managing the same successfully for one year. He then returned to the homestead farm, whereon he labored for a period of time, and for one year thereafter took charge of a set of books for his father, who was conducting a business in Pittsburg. From there he moved to Buffalo in order to take charge of his father's distillery, and after serving five years there assumed the management of a distillery and mines at Scotthaven where he remained five and one-half years. He then located in McKeesport and erected the "Old Possum Hollow" distillery, which he conducted successfully until 1889. He built the Unity Pure Rye Whisky distillery near the town of Latrobe, in August, 1900, and has since continued the management of the same.

Mr. Moore married, in 1869, Sarah Webb, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Skaat) Webb, and they are the parents of four children, all of whom reside at home: 1. Odessa, born March 28, 1871, graduate of the McKeesport high school, also of the State Normal at Buffalo, New York, for the past fourteen years has taught in the McKeesport schools. 2. Grace Emma, born August 9, 1875, graduate of McKeesport high school and Indiana State Normal, Indiana, Pa., now a grade teacher in McKeesport school, having taught there for the past eight years. 3. Morrison B., born October 3, 1877, graduate of McKeesport high school, and of LaFayette College, was one of the four honor men of his class; is a mining engineer, now in charge of concrete foundation construction work of Republic Steel works, Pittsburg. He married Nora Reed in August, 1903, and they have one child, Morrison B., Jr. 4. Helen Lottie, born November 17, 1881, a graduate of McKeesport high school.

FRANK SEUBERT, a leading business man of Latrobe, who bears a most desirable reputation for honest, straightforward dealing at all times and



with every one, was born in the town in which he now resides, January 29, 1854, a son of John A. and Catherine (Buttner) Seubert.

John A. Seubert (father), a native of Germany, came to this country in 1848, accompanied by his wife, Catherine (Buttner) Seubert, also a native of Germany, and settled in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The following two years he was employed at his trade of tailoring, after which he removed to Westmoreland county, on the pike, and tailored for the students at St. Vincent's College for two years. He then took up his residence in Latrobe, purchasing a lot at the first public sale in that town, erecting thereon a house, and here he worked at his trade up to 1885, thereby gaining a comfortable livelihood. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seubert: Elizabeth A., deceased; Frank, mentioned hereafter; John A., resides in Denver and is there engaged in the cement roofing business; and William T., deceased. John A. Seubert (father) died December 5, 1895; he survived his wife many years, her death occurring at her home in Latrobe, June 2, 1882.

The educational advantages enjoyed by Frank Seubert were obtained at the high school of Latrobe, where he completed his studies at the age of fourteen years. He began his active career by securing work in the brick yard of his native town, but at the end of five years he abandoned this in order to learn the trade of shoemaker with Samuel Gerry, with whom he remained two years. Subsequently he learned the trade of painter, working at the same during the summer months for five years, and during the winter at his former trade of shoemaker. At the expiration of this period of time he engaged in the painting business on his own account, and by earnest effort and conscientious work has won a large degree of success. He is still engaged in the painting business, also conducts a large store at No. 309 Weldon street, and makes a specialty of wall paper, mixed paints and painters' supplies. He also has been a dealer in wall paper for thirteen years. He married, January 29, 1885, Mary Hessler, who was born November 3, 1866, a daughter of Philip and Catherine Hessler. Their children are: Catherine S., born November 2, 1886; Estelle G., born October 15, 1888; Francis P., born January 8, 1891; George A., born November 27, 1895; James A., born December 18, 1899; and Mary M., born December 22, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Seubert and family are members of the Roman Catholic faith, and in political affairs he is an Independent. He is a member of the C. M. B. A., of Latrobe; Holy family branch No. 104, and the I. C. B. U., also of Latrobe.

JOHN GILLIGAN, a representative business man of West Latrobe, achieving success by means of honorable transactions, was born May 2, 1856, in Kenton county, Kentucky, whither his parents—John and Anna (Morley) Gilligan—came to upon their arrival from Galway, county of Conart, Ireland, in 1849 and 1851, respectively.

The common schools in the vicinity of his birthplace afforded John Gilligan the opportunity of obtaining a good English education, and upon laying aside his books at the age of fifteen years he was apprenticed to the Pittsburg Locomotive works to learn the trade of machinist, he serving a period of four years. He then secured employment with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, with whom he remained fifteen years. In 1890 he established the West Latrobe Foundry and Machine Company, founders, machinists, boiler-makers and blacksmiths, machinery and supplies, heating and ventilating engineers, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and has continued the same up to the present time (1906). He has been a resident of Latrobe for more than fifteen years,

and is universally respected throughout the community. He is a member of the K. of C., B. P. O. E., Lodge No. 907, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He is a Democrat. Mr. Gilligan married, September 14, 1878, Anna M. Soisson, born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1855, a daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Filcer) Soisson. Their children are: Thurston A., born June 10, 1880; William Lewis, December 27, 1881; John J., May 4, 1884; Charles L., July 3, 1886; Raymond B., June 24, 1889; Emil B., September 10, 1891; Mary J., September 10, 1893; and Soisson L., December 2, 1899. Mr. Gilligan and his family are members of the Catholic church.

JOSEPH W. McMASTER, an enterprising citizen and a progressive business man of Latrobe, was born November 1, 1864, in Ligonier valley, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a son of Samuel C. and Jane (Douglas) McMaster.

Joseph W. McMaster received his education at the common schools of the neighborhood, which he attended until he was seventeen years of age, after which he worked on a farm for a short period of time. He then turned his attention to railroading, which line of work he pursued for a time, but being desirous of seeing something of his native country outside of the environment of his home he went out west, locating in the state of Dakota, where he remained until 1899, in which year he returned to his native state and took up his residence in Latrobe. He at once established a livery business, which prospered greatly under his management, and September 27, 1902, he opened another livery establishment on Railroad street, where he is conducting business at the present time (1905). His place of business is neat, attractive, commodious in its arrangement, and well stocked with horses and vehicles suitable for all occasions. Mr. McMaster married, June 26, 1896, Elizabeth Peth, born in the village of New Germany, Cambria county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Erwin and Rose. (Kerre) Peth, and three children were born of this union: Rose, Joseph and Catherine McMaster.

HENRY LANGE. The father of Henry Lange, of Webster, was George Lange, born in 1826, in Wurtemberg, Germany, where he learned the wagonmaker's trade. At the age of sixteen he went to Switzerland and there remained five years. At twenty-one years he returned to Wurtemberg to stand his chance of being drafted for military service, but was not drawn, and immediately emigrated to the United States. For some years he worked at his trade on Pine creek, near Pittsburg, and then moved to Belle Vernon where he was employed by Christian Amalong. A year later he bought out his employer and continued in the wagonmaking industry until 1850, when he engaged in the livery business, maintaining his connection with it during the remainder of his life. He was an active member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. George Lange married Emily McCrary, and their family consisted of six children, all of whom, with the exception of one, are now living: Henry, mentioned hereafter; Clara, of Belle Vernon; Regina, wife of Samuel Dugan, of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania; Josephine, of Belle Vernon; and Wilson, also of Belle Vernon. The death of Mr. Lange occurred February 1, 1885.

Henry Lange, son of George and Emily (McCrary) Lange, was born March 8, 1850, in Belle Vernon, and was educated in the public schools of his native town. On reaching his majority he purchased a team and contracted with the Merchants' Glass Company to deliver their coal. For more than eight years he continued to do this, and in 1880 sold his teaming business. He

then entered into partnership with Dr. A. C. Streeter, and for some ten years they prospered as a drug firm. Mr. Lange then purchased his partner's interest and established his son, W. H. Lange, in the business. The same year Mr. Lange bought of Frost & Carnes the old Webster Hotel, one of the landmarks of the borough, and as the proprietor of this hostelry has been very successful. He is liberal in his political views.

Mr. Lange married Frances Billitter, of Portage county, Ohio, and of their twelve children nine survive: Wooda H., druggist, of Belle Vernon; George, in ice business at Belle Vernon; Bessie, wife of Samuel Spears, of Webster; Edna, wife of Bert Ammon, of Webster; Fannie B., Catharine F., Grace, Jessie, and Francis; all of whom are at home. All these children have been given the advantages of a superior education and have finished at the head of their classes. Among them are three especially gifted in music. Bessie is an accomplished pianist, Fannie B. is equally gifted on the violin, and the attainments of Catharine F., who is now but sixteen, are considered remarkable. The eldest son, Wooda H., is a thirty-second degree Mason.

DR. WALTER H. COWAN, a prosperous and progressive general practitioner of Webster, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is held in high esteem in the town where he resides. He was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1868, and is of Scotch-Irish parentage. His early education was received in the public schools of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, after which he attended the West Pennsylvania Medical College, from which he graduated in June, 1898. He was the resident physician at St. John's General Hospital, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, during 1898-99. He established himself at Webster, Pennsylvania, in 1901. At present (1906) he is surgeon for Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad. Dr. Cowan is a member of Henry M. Phillips Lodge, No. 326, Free and Accepted Masons, of Monongahela City, Pennsylvania, member of the Monongahela Chapter, No. 249, R. A. M., and member of the A. O. U. W. In politics Dr. Cowan is a Republican, and takes a most profound interest in the well being of his party. He displays a remarkable aptitude in his profession and is socially a very popular man. He is also a member of the Rostraver school board. Dr. Cowan married in 1901, Jane Morrison, daughter of Colonel Hugh Morrison.

JOHN RANKIN. The father of John Rankin, of Rostraver township, was Robert Rankin, who was born in 1802, in county Donegal, Ireland, where he was reared on a farm and became a road contractor. In 1839 he came to the United States, settling in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on a farm which had been bequeathed to him by a cousin who had preceded him to this country and had acquired seven hundred acres of land. Mr. Rankin made this farm his home during the remainder of his life. He affiliated with the Whigs, and was a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Margaret Culbert, and of the ten children born to them only two are now living: John, mentioned hereafter; and Eliza, wife of John K. Graham, of Elizabeth township, Allegheny county. The death of Mr. Rankin occurred in 1854, and his widow survived him twenty-five years, passing away in 1879.

John Rankin, son of Robert and Margaret Rankin, was born October 21, 1821, in county Donegal, Ireland, and was in his eighteenth year when he accompanied his parents to the United States, his education having been acquired in the common and select schools of his native country. About

eighteen months after coming to this country he left home and apprenticed himself to learn the tanner's trade in Elizabeth township. Two years later he went to Connellsville, where he worked at his trade about four months and then moved to Fayette county. He remained there but three months, being compelled at the end of that time to return home in consequence of an injury. Later he went to West Newton and worked for about fifteen months in the tanneries, and was then again forced to go home by reason of illness. His first employer, Major John Rankin, hearing of this went to him and persuaded him to re-enter his service, although in the then state of his health he was unable to do the usual amount of work. On the death of Major Rankin, about seven months later, one-third of the farm on which the tannery stood was bequeathed to Mr. Rankin, who purchased the remaining two-thirds and resided there until 1866, when he sold the property and bought his present farm in Rostraver township, where he has since lived. The high esteem in which Mr. Rankin is held by his neighbors is attested by the fact that he has on several occasions—no fewer than nine—been given power of attorney to act as executor and administrator of estates. He has served twelve years as township auditor, and for many years was treasurer of the school board. He belongs to the Republican party, and is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Rankin married in 1847, Eliza J. Kelly, and eight of their nine children survive: Margaret C., wife of Elliott Cunningham, of Rostraver township; Mary E., married Albert Cunningham, of Missouri; Martha J., wife of Joseph Smith, of Rostraver township; Robert A., registrar of wills of Westmoreland county; Eliza A., at home; John C., at home; William J., lives in Rostraver township; and Sally B., wife of John Rader, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

A. A. PERKINS. The father of A. A. Perkins, of Webster, was Jacob Perkins, a native of New York state, who came as a young man to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Kemerer, and eight children were born to them, of whom A. A., mentioned hereafter, alone survives. Mr. Perkins died at a comparatively early age, and the children were reared by the self-denying exertions of their mother.

A. A. Perkins, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kemerer) Perkins, was born August 19, 1829, where Harrison City now stands, and was educated in the common schools. In 1854 he engaged in the milling business, and in 1866 purchased his present mill in Webster, where he has since carried on an extensive trade. Although never desiring or seeking office he has always taken the interest of a good citizen in public affairs, and has steadfastly adhered to the Republican party. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Perkins married, February, 1852, Lucinda C. Baker, and their children are: Amanda J., wife of Evan Caldwell, of Forward township; Abbie A., lives in Swissvale, Allegheny county; John N., deceased; Eva, married J. V. Shafer, of Swissvale, has one child, Kenneth; and Millie, wife of Henry Cropp, of Swissvale, had five children: Fred, Lizzie, Elmer, Winston, and Carrie, deceased. Mrs. Perkins died in 1863, and in 1864 Mr. Perkins married Elizabeth, widow of Robert Manes, and daughter of William Fleming. Their children are: Emma M., Margaret S., William F., employed in his father's mills, married Amy Mills, has two children, William H. and Elizabeth Elma; and Ella. All the daughters are at home with their parents.

CHARLES W. HOFFMAN, a prominent business man and representative citizen of Latrobe, where he has maintained his home for many years,



*W. Hoffman*



also a veteran of the civil war in which he served with signal fidelity and valor, was born at Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1838, a son of Nathan H. and Catharine (Skean) Hoffman, both of whom were members of sterling pioneer families of the Keystone commonwealth.

Nathan H. Hoffman (father) was born at Roxborough, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1805, was a wagon maker by trade and followed the same for many years. His wife, Catharine (Skean) Hoffman, born 1807, in Ligonier valley, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, bore him seven children, their births occurring at Roxborough, Pennsylvania. Theodore S., born June 11, 1829; Norris H., born December 14, 1830, died at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he was buried February 15, 1895; John M., born June 26, 1833, died May 10, 1853, at Chestnut Hill, and was buried in Roxborough, Pennsylvania; Harriet Matilda, born April 8, 1836; Charles W., born December 1, 1838; Elizabeth Amanda, born December 4, 1842; Joseph H., born April 23, 1845. Nathan H. Hoffman lived to attain the patriarchal age of eighty-two years, his death occurring November 21, 1887, in the state of Kansas, where the closing years of his life were passed. He was buried at Roxborough, Pennsylvania, beside his cherished and devoted wife, whose death occurred August 1, 1878, in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. She was also buried in Roxborough, Pennsylvania.

Charles W. Hoffman passed his boyhood days in his native city, and his educational training was somewhat desultory in nature, being confined to an irregular attendance in the common schools which he left when twelve years of age to initiate his services in connection with the practical duties of life. He entered upon an apprenticeship at the trade of jeweler and watchmaker with his uncle, John Smart, at Philadelphia, with whom he served five years, becoming a skilled workman. For several years thereafter, until the breaking out of the civil war, he worked at his trade as a journeyman, in 1866 engaged in the same line of business on his own account in Greensburg, but shortly afterward removed to Latrobe and there engaged in the same business, building up an excellent trade, which he has continued to conduct up to the present time (1906). In all his business relations he has acquitted himself in such a way as to gain the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has associated, and his business capability is recognized throughout the community. He has always borne a full share in the promotion of community interests, and every enterprise which has had for its object the material and moral welfare of Latrobe has found in him a willing and efficient advocate.

When the dark cloud of civil war threw its pall over the United States, Mr. Hoffman promptly responded to the call for volunteers and went forth to do valiant service in defense of the union. He enlisted April 22, 1861, at Doylestown, Bucks county, in Company I, Twenty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and served in said regiment ninety days. He was discharged at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1861, at the expiration of his term of enlistment. On September 12, 1861, at Doylestown, Bucks county, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a sergeant for three years, and was discharged at Philadelphia, September 30, 1864. He participated in a number of battles in Virginia and South Carolina; was wounded in the leg at the battle of Williamsburg, Virginia, May 5, 1862, second day's battle; General George B. McClelland's Peninsula campaign, Fair Oaks or Seven Pines, May 31 and June 1, 1862. In the first day's battle his company were all taken prisoners, excepting six of his comrades, he being out on a scout at the time. His

comrades were put in Libby prison, Richmond, Virginia, and Weldon, North Carolina, prisons, but finally were all exchanged. The colonel of the regiment, W. W. H. Davis, in the second day's fight had his horse shot from under him, and was also shot in the arm. Mr. Hoffman participated in the battles at Bottoms Bridge, Chickahominy River, Gains Mill, White Oak Swamp, June 31, 1862; Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862; Morris Island, South Carolina, July 10, 1863; Fort Wagner, July 11, 1863. At the siege of Charleston, South Carolina, Johns Island, July 6 and 7, on the first day's battle, his colonel had his hand shot, losing four of the fingers of the right hand. Mr. Hoffman was placed in a tree by General Hatch to call out cover when the enemy were about to fire off their cannon; a shell exploded in front of the men, cutting the limbs of the tree and tearing the clothing from Mr. Hoffman. He performed spy duty under General Patterson and General George B. McClellan, in Virginia; also under Admiral Dahlgreen, on the South Carolina coast, and has in his possession a breast pin with a piece of brick taken from Fort Sumter, while he and six boat crews, six in a boat, soldiers and navy marines, were making an attempt one night to capture Fort Sumter, but they were surprised by the enemy, fired upon, and retreated, one commander being shot in the arm. The following is a copy of the original pass that Sergeant Hoffman had in his shoe when taken prisoner by two of the enemy's cavalymen near Charlestown, Virginia, but by strategy made his escape, otherwise he would have been shot with the document found on his person:

Provost Marshal's Office, Charlestown, Va., July 19, 1861.

The bearer, Thomas Johnson, a good and loyal citizen of the United States, has liberty to pass freely anywhere within the lines of the American army, and all officers and soldiers are requested to respect his safeguard and render him any assistance necessary, by authority of

W. W. H. DAVIS,

Captain 25th Penna. Regiment.

Provost Marshal.

Thomas Johnson is an assumed name. Charles W. Hoffman is the correct name and was the scout or spy. For his loyal and intrepid service in this capacity and for the injuries received in the army, he is accorded a pension of twenty-four dollars a month by the government. He is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, and in politics is a staunch Republican.

Mr. Hoffman married Matilda Ann Borland, born in Franklin township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 23, 1845, and she still remains by his side, having been a devoted wife and mother. Their children are: 1. Vertis B., born October 18, 1874, at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, died May 21, 1903. 2. Byra James, born December 5, 1875, was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad in a wreck at Latrobe, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1893. 3. Theodore S., born February 1, 1877, at Latrobe, is telegraph operator in the office of the Loyalhanna Coke and Coal Company, near Latrobe. 4. Jennie Willson, born December 7, 1879, at Latrobe, married Frank Gebhart, a civil engineer by profession, he having charge of four different mines, one of which is located near Latrobe. Mr. and Mrs. Gebhart reside in Masontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. 5. Paul E., born May 31, 1881, at Latrobe, is assistant superintendent at the McFeely Brick Company, near Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

**STERLING FAMILY.** In the settlement of every new country there are always transient settlers who make their appearance, perhaps to take



advantage of cheap land, a small tract of which they cultivate for a few seasons, and then tire of even the faint dawn of civilization, and press on to some wilder frontier region, where they exist by hunting, trapping and fishing, thus spending an aimless, worthless life; but such was not the character of the sturdy Scotch-Irish people, among whom was numbered the founder of the Sterling family of Pennsylvania, Joseph Sterling.

Joseph Sterling, the American ancestor of the Sterlings of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, emigrated from the north of Ireland, it seems quite certain, in 1747. The place of his birth was in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1741, but of Scotch ancestry it is certain. He settled in one of the eastern counties of Pennsylvania, probably in York county, as his indenture for the farm named "Sterling's Nest," dated 1783, is to Joseph Sterling, of York, Pennsylvania. Another farm bought by him at an earlier date was to Joseph Sterling, of Washington county, Pennsylvania. In Westmoreland county, to which part of Pennsylvania he came in 1780, he purchased a tract of about three hundred acres situated in Derry township. He made for himself a name in Derry township, on what was ever afterward known as "Sterling's Nest." Here he enjoyed life and vigorously labored to subdue the forests for more than a quarter of a century, during which period he made for himself and family, consisting of a wife and four children, a comfortable home. He became a man of means and much influence in his community, and possessed the noble traits of integrity and hospitality, rearing his children with a keen sense of an accountability to God and fair dealing with their fellowmen. Let it here be recorded that his christian training may be seen in a goodly degree in the lives of his remote descendants. He was not an active factor in politics, but intensely loyal to his adopted country and obedient to its laws.

Joseph Sterling married Mary Porter, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Her exact nativity is not known. Her ancestors possessed strong intellectual and christian-like characters, making her an ideal helpmate for her husband, as well as a force in her little circle in those long-ago days. Among her ancestors was the once well known preacher, Rev. Porter, who was among if not the first to preach the Word at Congruity. It was he who, when first coming to this country, provided a habitation by fastening logs on puncheon slabs to the trunk of a giant tree which had by wind or other means been uprooted and laid up some distance from the earth at one end. This formed a fastening for one end of the rude, improvised "house," which served till a better could be provided. The children born to ancestor Joseph Sterling and wife Mary (Porter) Sterling were: Rebeckah, who became the wife of William Robinson, ancestor of the Dunlaps, at old Salem church. 2. Mary, who married a Mr. Marshall, of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, ancestor of the Hazlets of Latrobe. 3. Janet, who married Joseph Glenn, of Butler county, Pennsylvania. 4. William, the only son, was born at the old Sterling homestead in 1772, probably in York, Pennsylvania, but not of a certainty. To the daughters Joseph Sterling gave a money portion, excepting Mrs. Robinson (Rebeckah) to whom he gave land now owned by the heirs, the Dunlaps. Joseph Sterling and wife Mary (Porter) Sterling died and were buried at old Salem church; the former in 1813 and the latter in 1822.

In the recorder's office at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, may be seen a copy of the original deed, which was beautifully inscribed on heavy parchment, the same is still in the possession of the family and well preserved. It is recorded in deed book No. 2, page 360. The instrument was from James Eaton and wife and bears date of June 3, 1793, recorded April 19, 1796, by James Guth-

rie, recorder. It describes a tract in Derry township, consisting of two hundred and ninety-four acres and nineteen perches of land—the old homestead. The consideration was one hundred pounds sterling, lawful money of Pennsylvania. The original will, made on paper, is also in the hands of the descendants, the substance being as follows: "Will of Joseph Sterling: (Dated March 29, 1798). In the name of God, Amen! I, Joseph Sterling of Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, being sick of body, but of sound judgment, mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do this 29th day of March, 1798, make and ordain this my last will and testament, in the following manner and form, and that is to say: That at my death my body is to be buried in a decent Christian way and manner, at the direction of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive it again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate, wherewith it has pleased God to endow me with in this life, I do give, demise, and depose of the same in the following manner and form: After the full payment of my just debts, of my whole estate I bequeath to Mary, my beloved wife, the sum of ten pounds in lawful money, all my household goods, kitchen furniture, beds and clothing, one saddle, one of my best cows, six of my sheep, of her own choice; the free possession of the east end of my mansion-house, part of the kitchen, together with one-third of the profits arising from my farm, during her natural life; the grain to be delivered in the bushel and a sufficiency of hay, fodder, etc., to maintain one horse, one cow, and six sheep. To my loving daughter Rebeckah the sum of one pound lawful money, four years after my decease. To my nephew, Joseph Robison, I do give and bequeath the sum of five pounds lawful money, to be paid to his father four years after my decease for his schooling. To my daughter Mary I do give and bequeath my house clock to be delivered to her at my wife's decease. To my nephew, Joseph Marshall, I do give and bequeath the sum of five pounds lawful money, to be paid to his father, four years after my decease, for the use of said child's schooling. To my nephews, Joseph Sterling and Samuel Sterling, I do give and bequeath ten pounds, to be paid four years after my decease, for the use of said children's schooling. And my large Bible to the said Joseph. All the rest of my personal estate is to be equally divided betwixt my said children, William, Janet, Rebeckah, and Mary, with the exception that Elizabeth (an adopted daughter) shall have a heifer two years old. All my books, excepting my Bible, I leave at the disposal of my loving wife." Note: It should be remembered that prior to the making of this will, Mr. Sterling had already given a portion of his estate to each one of his four children in land or money.

II. William Sterling, only son of Joseph and Mary (Porter) Sterling, born in 1772, was a man of strong character, with the highest sense of honor prompting his every act. He was a determined courageous man in his convictions. In his religious faith he held rigidly to that of the Presbyterian. He was a lover of good people and of Christian work; affectionate as a friend, and noted far and near for his hospitality. It was said of him that "He was gifted in prayer and mighty in the Scriptures," which he had read through many times. He also had a genius for singing, and was never more truly delighted than when singing hymns. To him the Sabbath and the house of God were sacred. Of his means he gave freely to the support of the church of his choice. While not active in politics, never aspiring to office, yet keenly alive to his duty at the polls, he was a supporter of the old school Democracy

until the days of the civil war, when he was greatly interested in the success of the Union cause. He was anti-slavery, and bitterly opposed to whisky in all forms. He served as a trustee in the old Salem church, which he cherished even as his life. He married Janet McQuiston, of Carlisle, born of Scotch-Irish parents, about 1772. She was once chased by the Indians to the fort at Hannastown. She was a grand character, a true wife, noble mother, and exemplary Christian. She died at a ripe old age, in 1845. Their children were: Joseph, James, Samuel, Margaret, Mary, Sarah, William, Robert, and Jane. After the death of his wife Mr. Sterling married a Mrs. Stuart, of Blairsville, Pennsylvania, who at his death removed to that place, but only survived him a short time. She was also of an excellent family and a devoted Christian lady. Each of the five sons received from their father a good farm, and the four daughters received the equivalent in money. Three of the sons became residents of Ohio, where their descendants still live. One son, Robert Sterling, lived and died on the farm near Hillsdale, and this place is now possessed by his heirs.

III. William Sterling, son of William and Janet (McQuiston) Sterling, was born at the old Sterling homestead, April 27, 1808. He followed farming, and was highly respected and very successful. His education, not unlike many another in those early days before the free public school system was established, was of necessity limited, yet by force of character, high aim in life, and through careful reading became a well versed man. He was a high-minded and sound thinking man, who absorbed but the good from his superior associates with whom he mingled. He was ever loyal to church and state, and a life-long total abstainer, as had been his father, even to the use of tobacco. He exerted all his influence for the cause of temperance, which in his day and generation was not as popular as to-day. Like all of his forefathers, he was strictly of the Presbyterian faith, exemplifying it in his daily walk with men. For many years he was an elder in the old Salem church, which society had for generations been sustained by the Sterlings. His brother Robert was also an elder in the same church. Aside from the office of elder William Sterling never held office, except that of school director in Derry township.

Mr. Sterling was twice married, first to Elizabeth, the sister of Dr. Donaldson, well known in Westmoreland county educational history. By this union two children were born, only one of whom survives, Jennie D. Sterling, married John Wineman, now deceased. Elizabeth (Donaldson) Sterling died, and for his second wife Mr. Sterling married Martha Hartley, daughter of James Marshall and wife, of Indiana county, Pennsylvania. She was born October 20, 1820, of like ancestry to that of Mr. Sterling. Martha Hartley Marshall's grandmother on her father's side was Jane Scott, and on her mother's side was Martha Hartley. Her mother's name was Margaret Kirkpatrick. William and Martha Hartley (Marshall) Sterling were the parents of the following children: Wilson C., who became an attorney-at-law in Cleveland, Ohio, and died March, 1904, on the farm on which he was born. He attended Elder Ridge Academy, and subsequently graduated from Lafayette College. He first practiced law as a partner of Colonel Sanderson, of Youngstown, Ohio, and later removed to Cleveland, Ohio. He married Alice Reich, of Easton, Pennsylvania, who is now residing there. Margaret, died in her young teens. Celia, Sarah, James M., of whom later; Edwin, William, Nettie, married Thomas Elder, of Derry township, died October 11, 1905, leaving a son, Thomas, aged two years.

James Marshall Sterling, son of William and Martha (Marshall) Ster-

ling, was born at the old homestead in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1855. He obtained a common school education, and followed farming on the home farm until 1887, when, upon his marriage, he farmed three years in Derry township, near the old place, and for six years in Salem township. In 1896 he was made police officer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Derry, serving three years, when he was elected as chief of police for the borough of Latrobe, his present home, and is still filling the position with full credit to himself and all law-abiding citizens of the borough. He is interested to quite an extent in the Latrobe brick works, a large plant, also in other enterprises. Politically Mr. Sterling is a staunch supporter of the Republican party principles. In church connections he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Latrobe, of which he has been an elder since 1899, and had held the same office at the old Salem church before coming to Latrobe to reside. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., at Derry, Pennsylvania, and of the W. of W., at Latrobe. He married, February 17, 1887, at the old McConnell farm, near Congruity, Pennsylvania, Kate McConnell, daughter of David K. and Harriet (Sloan) McConnell, and sister of Judge Alexander McConnell, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. (See the family history of the McConnells elsewhere in this work.) Mrs. Sterling's father, David K. McConnell, died in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. James M. Sterling have children: Mary Alice, born December 24, 1888, Eleanor Culbertson, born May 25, 1892, both at home, and attending the public schools of Latrobe.

JOHN STEEL LIGHTCAP, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was born October 2, 1870, in Unity township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. His mother dying in his infancy, he was reared and educated by the family of Andrew and Eliza Steel McChesney. His great-grandfather Lightcap was of German descent; every other line of his ancestry was Scotch-Irish. His father was Samuel Gilson Lightcap, a leading farmer and stock raiser, also justice of the peace, late of Unity township, and his mother was Sarah McChesney. His grandfather, on his father's side, was William Lightcap, a son of Samuel Lightcap and Rachel Craighead, while his grandmother, on his father's side, was Susanna McClaren, a daughter of Matthew McClaren (who came from Ireland when he was seven years old), and ——— Pounds, of the Derry township family of that name. On his mother's side, his grandfather was William McChesney, who was a son of William McChesney (who came from county Tyrone, Ireland, about 1786 and settled on what was known as the William Penn McChesney farm in Unity township, between New Alexandria and Latrobe, Pennsylvania), and ——— Buchanan. His grandmother, on his mother's side, was Elizabeth McWhirter, a daughter of William McWhirter and Margaret McChesney.

John S. Lightcap was educated in the public schools of Unity township, graduated from the high school of Greensburg in 1889; entered Washington and Jefferson College in the fall of 1889, was graduated from the classical department of that institution in 1893; taught school several terms; was principal of the Ligonier borough schools the winters of 1894-95-96; read law with Judge John B. Steel; was admitted to the Westmoreland county bar June 26, 1897. He married, November 8, 1899, Mary Zahniser, a daughter of R. M. J. Zahniser and Elizabeth Hirst Zahnister, of Greensburg, formerly of Mercer county, Pennsylvania. Of this union, one child, John Steel Lightcap, Jr., was born December 16, 1900. In the spring of 1902 Mr. Lightcap entered into partnership with Eugene Warden, of Mount Pleasant, a member of one

of the old and distinguished families of this county, under the firm name of "Lightcap and Warden." This firm has at once sprung into full practice in a bar composed of a number of the leading lawyers of Pennsylvania, and to-day enjoys a large and lucrative practice among the boroughs, corporations, banks, individuals and firms of not only this but adjoining counties. Although practicing in Greensburg, Mr. Lightcap has for some years resided in Latrobe, where he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and interested in a number of business enterprises.

**FRANK FAMILY.** (I) Conrad Frank was the first ancestor in America of the Westmoreland and Somerset branches of the Frank family, and was the great-grandfather of the present John H. Frank, of Ligonier, Pennsylvania. Conrad Frank was born in Germany and came to America in his youth, arriving and first locating in Baltimore, Maryland. From there it is supposed he shortly afterwards removed to Chester county, Pennsylvania, for he was married to Sallie Bowers, of that county. He served in the Revolutionary war "as that of a private soldier on a roll of Captain Jacob Ashmead's Company in the Second Regiment of Pennsylvania, commanded by Colonel W. Stewart, September 8, 1778." "See page 414, Volume Fifteen, Penna. Archives, Second Series." After the close of the Revolution and prior to 1787, he removed with his family to Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and lived in a section yet known as the "Glades," about seven miles southeast from Somerset town. He lived to be ninety-six years old, and his wife, Sallie (Bowers) Frank, lived to be eighty. They had six children: Henry, John, Conrad, Sallie, Betsy and Kate.

(II) John Frank, second son of Conrad and Sallie (Bowers) Frank, was born in Somerset county, 1787, and was a farmer by birth and occupation. He remained in Somerset county till 1839, when he and his family removed to Westmoreland county, locating in Ligonier township. He followed farming until 1849, when he took charge of the turnpike toll gate at Laughlinstown, Pennsylvania, and remained there until his death in 1851. He was married to Anna Hicks, of Somerset county, and by her had eleven children: Barbara, born March 2, 1813, died early in life. Catherine, born September 27, 1814, married George Conrad, and died at Tower Hill, Shelby county, Ill., April 11, 1886. Henry, born August 24, 1816, married Isabela Underwood, and died in Ligonier, October 2, 1889. Polly, born January 30, 1818, married John Belle, and died in Ligonier, December 24, 1874. Aaron, born March 18, 1820, died unmarried in Ligonier, February 25, 1897. Josiah, born November 28, 1821, married Martha J. Horrell, and died at Jenners Cross Roads, Somerset county, June 13, 1894. Jacob, born September 11, 1825, married Nancy Underwood, and died at Ligonier, March 10, 1902. George, born April 18, 1827, died unmarried in Ligonier, April 22, 1846. Julia, born April 10, 1829, died unmarried at Laughlinstown, April 7, 1855. Elizabeth, born March 1, 1833, married John Douglass and died in Ligonier, November 2, 1859. One other child died when quite young.

(III) Jacob Frank, fourth son of John and Anna (Hicks) Frank, was born in Somerset county, September 11, 1825, and came to Ligonier with his parents in 1839. He followed the occupation of his father till 1849, when he opened a small grocery and bakery in Ligonier which he carried on till 1861, when he removed with his family to Shelby county, Illinois. The fever and ague drove him from the west after a few months residence there, and he returned to Ligonier, to again engage in the grocery and baking business. He

and his family also kept the Glessner House, in Ligonier, from 1867, to 1872. He then built a large house which is yet standing on the southwest corner of Fairfield and Loyalhanna streets, which he immediately opened as a summer hotel, conducting it as such one hundred days each summer. He is thus entitled to the credit of first engaging in the summer resort business in Ligonier, a business which has since done more for Ligonier and vicinity than any other, and which has given the town and valley an exceptionally high standing in that line in Western Pennsylvania. He married, April 7, 1847, Nancy Underwood, of Ligonier, a daughter of James and Susan Underwood. She was born in Stoyestown, Somerset county, October 22, 1827, and is living at the present time (1906) in Ligonier. Her father, James Underwood, was an Englishman; he came to Somerset county from North Carolina, about 1820, and was a hotel keeper in Stoyestown and a teamster on the Pittsburg and Philadelphia turnpike. He died at Lockport, Pennsylvania, while engaged on contract with the Pennsylvania canal, in the early thirties, and was buried near Bolivar, Pennsylvania. Her mother, Susan (Barron) Underwood, was born in Somerset county, April 13, 1795, died March 14, 1879, at Ligonier. She was a daughter of John Barron. Jacob and Nancy (Underwood) Frank had six children. The first born died in infancy. The others are: John H., referred to hereafter; Joseph Denny, born May 18, 1856, died in March, 1858; Alice, born September 1, 1858, married Albert C. Breniser, at Ligonier, October 19, 1876; Harry E., born May 24, 1859, married Maude Griffith, May 30, 1893. They have one child, Albert B., born November 7, 1894; Wilbert W., born January 10, 1864, died in Somerset, November 19, 1901. He was married March 25, 1886, to Susan Vannear, of Ligonier, and has three children: Harry Floyd, born May 13, 1888; Charles Vannear, born November 9, 1892; and Nancy Catherine, born July 22, 1895.

(IV) John H. Frank, second child of Jacob and Nancy (Underwood) Frank, was born in Ligonier, April 1, 1850. After his early school days were over he went to Michigan to become a clerk in a store, in 1865, but after several months his father bound him out to learn the trade of die-sinking and engraving, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked constantly until 1870, when having finished his apprenticeship he began business on Dearborn street, Chicago, Illinois. Later he returned to Cincinnati and there worked until 1874, at which time he was compelled to relinquish engraving because of eye trouble. He then returned to Ligonier and followed his father in the hotel business. He was thus engaged till 1882, when without any assistance and with very little encouragement he embarked in the banking business in his native town, and in this business he has since been continuously engaged. In the summer of 1903 the Bank of Ligonier, which had been founded and built up by Mr. Frank, was chartered as the National Bank of Ligonier, beginning business July 1. In business circles and particularly as a banker, Mr. Frank has earned a very enviable reputation for accuracy, punctuality and integrity, and as a result was elected president of the new organization. The caution and success with which the bank has always been conducted and the public confidence which it enjoys under his management, may in some degree be shown by the fact that though less than two and a half years old, with a capital stock of \$50,000, it has a deposit of \$230,000 surplus, and profits of \$22,000, and gross assets of \$330,000. In addition to the banking business, in the last quarter of a century Mr. Frank has engaged in other pursuits and generally with a remarkable degree of success. In 1879 with Richard B. Mellon, of Pittsburg, and Albert C. Breniser, of Ligonier, he built the first telegraph line

to operate between Ligonier and Latrobe, a distance of ten miles. It was successfully operated by him till 1883, when it was purchased by the Ligonier Valley Railroad Company. Mr. Frank has since been manager of the Western Union interests at Ligonier. He projected and built in 1890, Frank's Hotel and Cottages, which has become one of the most noted summer resorts in western Pennsylvania. It was annually opened June 1 and closed September 1, and remained under his management till 1899. In these and other undertakings he was ably assisted by his brother, the late Wilbert W. Frank, who when in health was a most accurate and careful business man.

Mr. Frank married, November 26, 1872, Anna Kibel, born September 18, 1852, daughter of George and Frances (Rush) Kibel. Her parents were born in Hapstein, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and came to America in 1830, landing in Baltimore, Maryland, and locating near Emmetsburg, that state. George Kibel removed later to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and in 1840 to Ligonier, where in the palmy turnpike days he successfully carried on a stage coach and carriage manufacturing establishment. He died March 13, 1872, and his wife survived him till September 15, 1888. John H. and Anna K. Frank have three children: William K., born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 22, 1874, now cashier of the Jeannette National Bank, of Jeannette, Pa. He was married to Alda Altman, October 12, 1897, and they have one child, Ruth Anna, born in Jeannette, October 1, 1899. Josephine Alice, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 22, 1874, educated at St. Xaviers Academy, near Latrobe, Pa. She was married to Edward G. Schneider, of Cincinnati Ohio, February 8, 1899. They have had four children: Edward F., born January 7, 1900, died February 13, 1900; Louis F., born July 6, 1902; and William F. and Clifford F., born December 16, 1904. 3. G. Clifford, born in Ligonier, May 1, 1876. After some five years spent in T. Mellon and Son's Bank, in Pittsburg, he became cashier of the Bank of Ligonier, in 1897, and retains the same position under the present national organization.

JOHN W. BARKLEY, M. D., a prominent and capable physician of Ligonier, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1868. He is a son of Joseph W. and Maria (Beistel) Barkley, and grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth (Frick) Barkley.

Jacob Barkley (grandfather), born March 26, 1798, was a Westmoreland farmer. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Frick) Barkley, born November 18, 1802, reared a large family—fourteen children—and several of his sons were soldiers in the Civil war, and marched, fought and suffered in that terrible conflict. He died December 25, 1868, at his home, aged seventy-one years; his wife died July 4, 1855, aged fifty-three years. Joseph W. Barkley (father), born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, about 1826, received a common school education and learned the trade of a carpenter. This occupation he followed the greater part of his lifetime, but in his later years, however, he became a farmer. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, serving the same in various official capacities. He was a Democrat, and held the office of justice of the peace for many years in Donegal township. He married Maria Beistel, daughter of John Beistel, of Donegal. The ceremony was performed April 8, 1860. The children of this marriage were: 1. Sarah Idella, married Freeman Muir, of Ruffsedale, and they are the parents of one son, Homer Muir. 2. George M., a farmer of Abilene, Kansas; he is married and has five children. 3. Anna M., married Frank P. Baer, of Tarr's; they have four living children. 4. John W., of whom more hereafter. 5. Harvey

F., married Margaret Welty, and they have two living children; he is a druggist of Connellsville, Pennsylvania. Joseph Barkley died September 29, 1889, and his wife, Maria (Beistel) Barkley, died October 18, 1898.

John W. Barkley received his early and preparatory training in the county schools. In 1893 he matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where at the end of a three years course he graduated. In 1897 he came direct from college to Ligonier where he formed a partnership with Dr. J. T. Ambrose, and for four years they conducted a large and successful general medical practice. In 1901 Charles D. Ambrose, a son of Dr. J. T. Ambrose, having graduated from West Penn Medical College, was admitted to the firm. This connection continued for four years, when Dr. Barkley withdrew and began the establishment of a private practice. His offices over the Bank of Ligonier are conveniently and tastefully arranged, and here he cares for his large and growing practice. He is a member of the Westmoreland County Medical Society, and the Ligonier Medical Association. In 1904 he became a Free and Accepted Mason, being raised to that dignity by Ligonier Lodge, No. 331.

ISAAC H. SHEPLER, one of the representative citizens of Belle Vernon, Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in the above mentioned township, March 20, 1840, a son of Captain Joseph and Mary (Blackburn) Shepler, and a descendant on both the paternal and maternal sides of natives of Germany who settled in Virginia, in the vicinity of Winchester.

Matthias Shepler, an early ancestor of Isaac H. Shepler, with two brothers, Peter and Philip, moved from Virginia before the war of the Revolution and settled in Rostraver township, Pennsylvania, taking up farms on the Monongahela hills. He married Margaret Houseman, whose family was one of the early settlers of the township, and their children were: John, Philip, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Mary, Margaret and Catherine. All were married and raised families, and their descendants are numerous in this section of the state.

Isaac Shepler, fourth son of Matthias and Margaret (Houseman) Shepler, was born in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county. He married Sarah Hill, daughter of Joseph and Mary Hill, and their children were as follows: Joseph, mentioned hereafter; Lewis, died December, 1881; Mary, deceased, was the wife of James Wright; Samuel; Margaret, died at the age of eighteen; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Davis Shepler; Sarah E., became the wife of John Stephens. Isaac Shepler (father) died December 10, 1837; his wife died July, 1869, aged eighty-seven years. Both are buried at Fell's Church. Joseph Hill, father of Sarah (Hill) Shepler, at the age of eighteen came to Rostraver township, several years before the Braddock expedition, the first white settler of the township.

Joseph Shepler, eldest son of Isaac and Sarah (Hill) Shepler, was born in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, March 6, 1807. He received his education in the district schools of the town, and to the age of twenty-two lived on the homestead farm. The year following his marriage he moved on one of his father's farms, which he conducted for eight years. In 1836 he located three hundred and sixty acres in Putnam county, Ohio, with the intention of moving there, but on account of the death of his father was persuaded by his mother to remain in Rostraver. In 1838 he located on the farm which he thereafter made his home. At the age of twenty-one he was chosen



captain of the First Company, Eighty-eighth State Volunteers, which position he held for eight years; was captain of the Monongahela Blues five years, and first lieutenant of the Rostraver Cavalry seven years. He filled most of the offices of the town, having been elected to the same on the Democratic ticket. For almost half a century he was a member of Fell's Methodist Episcopal Church, and one of its staunchest supporters. He married, April 16, 1829, Mary Blackburn, born in Rostraver, March 28, 1807, daughter of Joseph and Nancy Blackburn. Their children were: Sarah, born January 7, 1830, became the wife of William Jones, farmer and banker, residing in Rostraver township. Violet, born August 20, 1833, became the wife of Captain Martin Coulson, a resident of Allegheny City. John B., born February 18, 1835, married Josephine Claywell, of Illinois. Isaac Hill, born March 20, 1840, mentioned hereafter.

Isaac Hill Shepler was reared at home and acquired his education in the common schools and Ames Commercial School in Syracuse, New York, graduating from the latter institution, June 4, 1866. After his marriage he rented and farmed the adjoining farm to the homestead in connection with working with his father on the home farm, and four years later he removed to the farm owned by his brother-in-law in Webster, consisting of two hundred and seventy acres, which he conducted for four years, also assisting in the management of the home farm. During the last year of this period he received a severe sunstroke, which incapacitated him for work for one year, during which time he resided near Fell's Church, in Rostraver township. He then went west and for two years was employed on the Coulson mercantile boats which had extensive government contracts through North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana. In 1881 he returned to Westmoreland county, locating on the Caldwell property in Rostraver township, where he farmed for two years. He then purchased one-quarter interest in the Belle Vernon Saw and Planing Mill Company, and for four years served in the capacity of bookkeeper, contractor and buyer. At the expiration of this time Grover Cleveland was elected to the presidency, and Mr. Shepler was offered and accepted a position as gauger, serving four years and one month. For a period of eight months under Andrew Johnson's administration he served as storekeeper. In 1890 he purchased the mercantile business of P. Rider & Company in Belle Vernon, and five years later, upon the expiration of his lease, built a business building on his home property on the hill where he has since been engaged in mercantile pursuits. During his residence in Belle Vernon he has served on the school board, as borough assessor, and has been president of the board of health, and previous to that time he served as school director, township assessor and a member of the election board. He was formerly a Methodist in religion, but is now a member of the Presbyterian church, and for forty years has been a member of the choir. Since 1862 he has been actively identified with Gummert Lodge, No. 252, Free and Accepted Masons, at Fayette City, Pennsylvania; he is a master Mason. Mr. Shepler married, December 28, 1870, Evaline S. Shepler, daughter of Samuel Shepler, of Rostraver township, and their children are: James Kerr, born December 2, 1872, a glass gatherer; Mary B., born September 3, 1874, widow of Fred. Jeffries, resides at home; William Jones, born August 8, 1876, a glass gatherer; and Elizabeth C., born August 19, 1883, resides at home.

DAVID FRANCIS HARVEY. The grandfather of David Francis Harvey, of Belle Vernon, was Lee Harvey, a native of Chester county, who

came as a young man with his parents to Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He learned the cooper's trade, which he followed for years, later engaging in farming. Mr. Harvey married Mary Ann Ellis, who bore him a son, William, mentioned hereafter. A short time prior to his death Mr. Harvey took up his abode with this son, in whose home he breathed his last.

William Harvey, son of Lee and Mary Ann (Ellis) Harvey, was born February 2, 1840, in Fayette county. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, thus being among the first who offered their services when the government called for defenders. In the battle of Deep Bottom, Virginia, August 16, 1864, he lost a leg and returned to his home one of those maimed heroes who have earned the gratitude of their country. His military experience being ended, he learned the trade of a shoemaker and followed the same for many years. Politically he is a Republican, and for two terms served as jury commissioner in Fayette county. He belongs to George D. Bayard Post, No. 178, Grand Army of the Republic, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Harvey married Jennie, born in Antioch, Monroe county, Ohio, daughter of Thomas Morgan, a miller of that place, and seven children were born to them: David Francis, mentioned hereafter; Anna, wife of Harry Yorty, of Eddington, Bucks county, Pennsylvania; Eva, deceased, who was the wife of Linton Clegg; Maud, married Guy Martin, of Belle Vernon; Pearl, at home; Ulysses, at home; and Ellis, deceased. For the last fifteen years Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have resided in Belle Vernon.

David Francis Harvey, son of William and Jennie (Morgan) Harvey, was born June 27, 1869, on a farm about three miles from Brownsville, Fayette county, and at twelve years of age was sent to the Jumonville Soldiers' school, in Fayette, where he remained four years. He then returned home and for about one year worked on the farm, afterward going to work in the window-glass factory in Belle Vernon, where he was employed thirteen years. At the end of that period he was employed for a time as a bartender in Brownsville, and later served in the same capacity in the Hotel Atwood, in West Brownsville, Washington county. On April 14, 1905, the license for the East End Hotel, in North Belle Vernon, was transferred to Mr. Harvey and he acquired a lease on the property for eight years. He is now the proprietor of the hotel. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In the sphere of politics he affiliates with the Republicans. Mr. Harvey married June 25, 1894, Mella Ammon, of Allencourt, Washington county, and they have three children: Harry, Gladys and Ruth.

MYRON CORWIN. The ancestors of Myron Corwin, of Belle Vernon, were among the old settlers of Westmoreland county. It was here that James and Jane (Lenock) Corwin lived and died, the latter passing away in Belle Vernon at the great age of ninety-seven years.

Barnett Corwin, son of James and Jane (Lenock) Corwin, was born in Belle Vernon, where for many years he was connected with boat-building. He was thrice married and was the father of twenty-three children. One of his wives was Martha Springer. At the age of seventy-six he died in Belle Vernon.

Joseph Corwin, son of Barnett and Martha (Springer) Corwin, was born in 1844, in Fayette county, learned the trade of a carpenter and boat-builder under his father, and has followed his trade all his life. He served in the Union army during the Civil war, steadfastly upholds the principles of the





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Democratic party, and is a member of the Baptist Church of Margaret Culler, and they are the parents of three children, after; Joseph B., who lives in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, is the youngest of Belle Vernon. Mr. Corwin now lives in West Belle Vernon, and works at the carpenter's trade.

MORRIS CORWIN, son of Joseph and Mary Corwin, was born November 12, 1868, in Fayette county, and attended the common schools. When only twelve years old he went to his father's store, remaining there about four years, and then went to work in a coal wash factory, after which he followed the coal trade, following that calling until May 1890, when he went to a "Hotel" in North Belle Vernon, and has since been engaged in that trade. He is a lover of chamber politics, and serves as clerk of the borough. He is a member of Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 1, of the Order Odd Fellows, and of Thomas Camp, No. 1, of the M. E. Church. Mr. Corwin married, November 12, 1888, Mary Ann Volk, of Westriver town, and has one child, Susan Corwin.

CARL W. THEAKES, son of Lyle Theakes, was born in West Belle Vernon, is Lyle Theakes' son of John L. Theakes, who was born in 1852, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was engaged in farming. For the last seven or eight years he has been boss and partner for the Aubrey Lumber Company, and in chamber politics he is a staunch Democrat. He married Leona, daughter of children are: Minnie, wife of Homer Wolford, of West Belle Vernon, who lives in the same place; Carl W. Theakes, who lives in West Belle Vernon.

Carl W. Theakeson, son of Lyle Theakes, was born January 17, 1876, in Brownsville, and received his education in the common schools, after which he went to California, Pennsylvania, and seventeen months of age he was in the grocery store of A. L. Tharmington, of West Belle Vernon. When three years he had to accept of a position as clerk. In May, 1898, he took charge of the Lumber Company, and has since been successfully conducted. He is a Democrat in politics, and on June 8, 1898, Bessie, daughter of David J. Preme, of Philadelphia, and Aubrey, of West Brunsyden, Mr. Theakes' wife, and they are the parents of one child who is now deceased.

AUGUST SCHNEIDER, a brewer of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was born July 10, 1855, in Wurtemberg, Germany, the son of Antoine and Catherine (Phony) Schneider.

While residing in Germany August Schneider learned the brewing business with his father, and worked there for seven years, being brewer for master in Zurich, Switzerland. He emigrated to this country, May 1, 1880, leaving in Philadelphia, where he remained four years. He then went to Carlisle to accept a position as brewer, where he successfully worked for two years, when he returned to Philadelphia, remaining two years, during this time being employed by the Lehigh Valley Lumber Company. The succeeding three years he remained in Philadelphia, and then he went to Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he served in the same capacity for Alton Hotel, the old Lehigh Valley brewery. After four



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Democratic party, and is a member of the Baptist church. He married Margaret Culler, and they are the parents of three sons: Myron, mentioned hereafter; Joseph B., who lives in Anibridge, Pennsylvania; and Harry A., a resident of Belle Vernon. Mr. Corwin now lives in Anibridge, where he still works at the carpenter's trade.

Myron Corwin, son of Joseph and Margaret (Culler) Corwin, was born November 12, 1868, in Fayette county, and was educated in the common schools. When only twelve years old, he went to work under his father in the boatyards, remaining there about four years. He was then employed for eighteen years in a window-sash factory, after which he returned to the carpenter's trade, following that calling until May, 1905, when he leased the Springer Hotel, in North Belle Vernon, and has since been the proprietor of that hostelry. He is a Republican in politics, and served three years as councilman of the borough. He is a member of Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 356, Independent Order Odd Fellows, and Pocahontas Camp, No. 147, Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Corwin married, November 12, 1889, Barbara, daughter of Louis Volk, of Rostraver township, and has one child, Smithie, born Sept. 15, 1890.

CARL W. THEAKSTON. The father of Carl W. Theakston, of Belle Vernon, is Lyle Theakston, son of John L. Theakston. Lyle Theakston was born in 1852, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and for some years was engaged in farming. For the last fifteen or sixteen years he has been stable boss and teamster for the Aubrey Lumber Company, in West Brownsville. In politics he is a staunch Democrat. He married Leonora Harrington, and their children are: Minnie, wife of Homer Walford, of West Brownsville; Harry, who lives in the same place; Carl W., mentioned hereafter; and Frederick, who lives in West Belle Vernon.

Carl W. Theakston, son of Lyle and Leonora (Harrington) Theakston, was born January 17, 1876, in Brownsville, and received his preparatory education in the common schools, afterward attending the State Normal school at California, Pennsylvania. At seventeen years of age he accepted a position in the grocery store of A. L. Harrington, of West Brownsville, where for about three years he had to a great degree the management of the business. In May, 1898, he took charge of the Hotel Province, which he has since successfully conducted. He is a Democrat in politics. Mr. Theakston married, June 8, 1898, Bessie, daughter of David J. Province, proprietor of the Hotel Aubrey, of West Brownsville. Mr. and Mrs. Theakston have been the parents of one child who is now deceased.

AUGUST SCHNEIDER, a brewer of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was born July 16, 1855, in Wurtemberg, Germany, the son of Antone and Caroline (Haney) Schneider.

While residing in Germany August Schneider learned the brewing business with his father, and worked there at his trade for seven years, being brewing master in Zurich, Switzerland. He emigrated to this country, May 1, 1880, locating in Philadelphia, where he resided for four years. He then went to Carlisle to accept a position as brewing master, which he successfully filled for two years, when he returned to Philadelphia, remaining there two years, during this time being employed by the Bergner Engle Brewing Company. The succeeding three years he was employed as brewing master in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and from there went to Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he served in the same capacity for Martin Helle, the old Hickory brewery. After four

years of service for this firm he removed to Millville, where he was engaged for six months as brewing master of the Millville Enz Brewing Company. With these years of service in the various brewing concerns with which he had been from time to time connected, Mr. Schneider acquired a good general knowledge of the business, which he put to practical use when he started the American Brewing Company, in which he was engaged for four years. From there he went of Latrobe, and built up and opened the Loyalhanna brewery, in partnership with Philipp Herrmann. Mr. Schneider superintended the building of the factory, and has retained the position of superintendent and general manager for four years. The business has been successful from the start, and Messrs. Schneider and Herrmann are to be congratulated on the well-merited success. Mr. Schneider is a member of the B. P. O. E., No. 905, of Latrobe, the F. O. E., No. 1188, of Latrobe. Religiously he and family are members of the German Catholic church, and he is the organizer and leader of the Catholic societies of Latrobe, has also been a delegate. Mr. Schneider is a Democrat. He is one of the prominent citizens of Latrobe.

Mr. Schneider married, June 19, 1878, Louisa Herzog, who emigrated to this country from Baden, Germany. She was the daughter of Andrew and Caroline Bachele Herzog. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schneider: Alfred A., December 7, 1879, died February 14, 1904; Ottó E., born December 7, 1879; Louis, December 28, 1880, deceased; Frank J., born September 26, 1883, died March 28, 1884; Joseph A., born January 24, 1885; Amelia C., April 7, 1887, died February 16, 1889; Matilda K., born September 29, 1889; Charles F., October 29, 1891; Alois A., April 7, 1894, died September 9, 1898; Wilhelmina P., March 21, 1897; Julia H., July 23, 1899; and Stella M., February 9, 1902.

ISRAEL M. GRAHAM. The family of which Israel M. Graham, of Ligonier, is a representative, was founded in this country by Barney Graham, who came about 1804 from Donegal, Ireland, being of Scotch-Irish descent. He was a farmer, a man of limited education and a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Graham brought with him to the United States his wife and the following children: William, George, Richard, Robert, and two daughters. The first home of the family was in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where they remained about a year, and then settled in Unity township, Westmoreland county.

George Graham, second son of Barney Graham, was sixteen years old when the family came to the United States, and remained on the homestead (now the "Jacob Shirey Farm") until the death of his father. He married in 1819, Sarah Ralston, who was of English descent and was born in 1803, in Westmoreland county. They lived on the farm in Unity township until 1832, when they moved to a farm in Ligonier township, two miles south of Ligonier.

James Graham, son of George and Sarah (Ralston) Graham, was born September 28, 1820, in Unity township, and received his education in the common schools. His occupation was that of a farmer, and in the sphere of politics he adheres to the Republican party. While faithful in the duties of citizenship he has neither sought nor desired office. He is a member of the Lutheran church, in which he has held official positions. Mr. Graham, now aged eighty-six, is in good health, with powers of mind and body unimpaired. Mr. Graham married Louise Bitner, whose ancestors came to eastern Pennsylvania about 1790 and later settled in Somerset county. Her grandparents moved to Fairfield township, Westmoreland county, about 1800, and about 1803



her parents, Peter and Mary Bitner, took up their abode in Ligonier township. Their daughter Louise, who became the wife of James Graham, as mentioned above, belonged to a family of four sons and ten daughters, and was born January 29, 1821, in Ligonier township. Mr. Graham has now retired from active labor and is a resident of Ligonier. He and his wife have been the parents of six sons and one daughter, all of whom are living with the exception of one son who died in infancy in 1854. Mrs. Graham died September 25, 1901, aged seventy-nine.

Israel M. Graham, eldest son of James and Louise (Bitner) Graham, was born December 21, 1847, in Ligonier township, where he received his preparatory education in the public schools, from which he proceeded to Ligonier Academy, advancing thence to Edinboro (Pennsylvania) State Normal school, where he graduated in 1873. In 1867 he began his career as a teacher in Ligonier township, held the position of principal at Blairsville, Pennsylvania, and for twelve years was principal of the Ligonier public schools. During these years he took charge every summer of the Ligonier Normal and Scientific Institute. In 1889 he relinquished his work as a teacher, and in 1891 became editor and owner of the *Ligonier Echo*. He has since been continuously engaged in newspaper work. He has served three terms as school director, and his third term as justice of the peace will expire in May, 1907. In 1902 and '03 he was largely instrumental in the erection of the forty thousand dollar school building of Ligonier. He has been prosperous financially, and since coming to Ligonier in 1876 has accumulated considerable property. He belongs to Ligonier Lodge, No. 964, I. O. O. F., of Ligonier, and is a Republican in politics. For about twenty years he has served as deacon in the Lutheran church, and for the same length of time has been superintendent of the Sunday school. He also holds the office of treasurer of the church, and is active in church and benevolent work.

Mr. Graham married, May 20, 1874, in Ligonier township, Maria McKlveen, and they have two children. Clarence O., born April 10, 1875, in Blairsville, was educated in the common schools and at the Ligonier Classical Institute, and is the owner of a livery stable in Ligonier, where he resides. He is married and has three children: Edna, Albert and Mary. Irene, born October 1, 1882, in Ligonier, attended the common schools, passed thence to Irwin Female College, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and also received a musical education. Mrs. Graham is a daughter of William and Catharine McKlveen, and was educated in the common schools. Her father, who is still living at the very advanced age of ninety, is a retired farmer of Ligonier township. He has held a number of offices, affording the unusual instance of a Democrat elected in a Republican township. His ancestors emigrated from Ireland and first settled near Baltimore, Maryland.

JACOB H. MURDOCK, a well known merchant in Ligonier, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and for many years a citizen in that town, whose bravery and endurance were noted and recognized during the Civil war, traces his ancestry to Scotland.

(1) Daniel Murdock, father of Jacob H. Murdock, was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, in 1812, and for some years followed the occupation of milling in that county. He then removed to Pleasant Unity, where in connection with his trade as millwright, he engaged for a number of years in the milling business. Later he removed to what is now West Latrobe and for some time worked in what was known as "Chambers' mill." Subsequently he

bought a farm and followed agricultural pursuits until within a few years of his death, when he retired and moved to Ligonier where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a loyal adherent of the Whig party, but never sought or held public office. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His death occurred in 1876. Daniel Murdock married Anna Hartman, and their children were: 1. Mary A., married David Marker; 2. John, married Mary Slater, resides in Johnstown and has seven children; 3. Samuel, deceased; 4. Jacob H, of whom later; 5. William F., deceased; 6. Solomon K., deceased; 7. Eliza K., married Louis Tranger; 8. Henry H., a banker in Greensburg, married Martha McChesney, and has two children; 9. George R., deceased; 10. Leah J., married W. S. Martin; 11. David H., deceased.

(II) Jacob H. Murdock, third son and fourth child of Daniel (1) and Anna (Hartman) Murdock, was born in Unity township, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1842. His education was a good one for that time and was acquired in the common schools of the district. His time after leaving school was occupied in working on the home farm until September 2, 1861, when he enlisted. He was assigned to Company E, Captain J. C. McCurdy, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, Colonel Richard Coulter, commanding. Mr. Murdock's military career is of more than ordinary interest as a record of arduous and active service. He was in a number of engagements and on August 28, 1862, at the battle of Thoroughfare Gap, Virginia, was shot through both legs just above the knees, and was left on the field, his regiment being compelled to fall back. He received kindly attention from a Confederate soldier who carried him out of the line of fire and cared for him during the following night, leaving him the next day with no shelter save the limbs of an overhanging tree and his own blanket which Mr. Murdock still preserves. Here he remained absolutely without food or medical attendance for five days. He was supplied with water by an old man, who was, however, unable to procure any food for him. On the fifth day he was placed in a bolster wagon and taken fifteen miles over a rough road to Warrentown, Virginia, and placed in a church filled with wounded confederate soldiers, which had been converted into a temporary hospital. Here he lay on a pile of hay in a corner, utterly neglected and suffering almost intolerable agony. His food and the treatment he received was of the worst possible description. At last, October 18, to his great joy, he heard shouts, cheers, and strains of martial music which could only have come from the Union army. The First Pennsylvania and the First New Jersey Cavalry had captured the town, and he, the only Union prisoner now in it, was free. He was placed in an ambulance for transportation to Washington, and after eleven days spent in this conveyance, during which time it was once overturned, at last reached that city and was placed in the hospital. There the kindly care and clean surroundings, assisted by his sturdy constitution, soon helped him to the road to health. As soon as it was possible for him to do so he rejoined his regiment. January 4, 1864, he re-enlisted for three years, and served until the close of the war. He was present when Lee surrendered at Appomattox, and marched in the "Grand Review" in Washington, at the close of the war. When mustered out, he had attained the rank of second lieutenant. Mr. Murdock was always in the foremost ranks in any engagement in which he took part, and his bravery won him commendation on many occasions.

At the close of the war he returned to Ligonier and established himself in the mercantile business, the present firm name being Murdock & Berkey, and has continued in this business up to the present time (1906). He is also a

stockholder in the First National Bank, and is well known in financial circles as a level-headed business man. In politics he is a Republican, and for twelve years has held the office of councilman of Ligonier. He is a member of Post No. 324, G. A. R., Ligonier, and of Ligonier Lodge, No. 331, F. and A. M. For thirty-eight years, with the exception of five years when he was away from the town, he has been a member and chorister of the Ligonier Methodist Episcopal church, and is now president of the board of trustees. Mr. Murdock was an untiring and energetic member of the building committee in charge of the erection of the beautiful new church the society recently completed. The church is located on the south side of the Diamond, and is an ornament to the town and an honor to the congregation erecting it. Mr. Murdock married Mary E. Caven, daughter of Alexander and Esther Caven, and they have had two children, of whom one died in infancy. The other, Minnie M., born May 5, 1874, married O. R. McColley, of Latrobe, and has one child, Jacob Eugene.

**JAMES C. SIBEL.** The grandfather of James C. Sibel, of Ligonier, emigrated from Germany to the United States, bringing with him his son Michael, a boy of ten years, and settled in Cook township. As a youth Michael Sibel worked for some time as a driver on the canal, then turned his attention to agriculture, and for the remainder of his life was a farmer. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Sibel married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Weller) Deeds, and their children were: Jacob, a miner in Idaho; Maria, wife of Andrew J. Bell, a farmer of Cook township; Monroe, a farmer in Fayette county; Amanda, married William McClain, of Donegal township; James C., of whom later; Elizabeth, wife of T. J. McClain, of Donegal township; and Edward H., who was a carpenter in Kansas, where he died in 1899. Mr. Sibel, the father of the family, died in 1884, aged seventy. Mrs. Sibel died in 1868, aged fifty-three.

James C. Sibel, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Deeds) Sibel, was born October 27, 1852, in Ligonier township, where he received his education in the common schools. When but eighteen years of age he became connected with the stock business, buying horses and cattle in Westmoreland and Somerset counties and driving them to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. He continued this successfully for twenty years, and was one of the largest stock shippers in that part of the country. After retiring from the stock business he engaged for five years in farming in Ligonier township, and then purchased the livery business of Deeds & Lytle, which he conducted until the morning of February 5, 1906, when a fire broke out or was started in the barn, totally destroying it with much valuable property. Fortunately, however, all live stock was saved. In 1900 he was appointed for one year mercantile appraiser by R. N. Gay, of Greensburg, then county commissioner. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church of Stahls-town. Mr. Sibel married Samantha, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Coleman) Hauger, the ceremony taking place in June, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Sibel have had four children: Leroy, at home with his father; Mary E.; James C., died at the age of two years and a half; and John H. D., at home.

**CYRUS C. BRANT.** of Ligonier, a well known, progressive and successful educator, who has already made his mark and gives promise of attaining to future prominence in his profession, a son of Abraham and Susan (Boucher) Brant, is one of the few members of that old and numerous fam-

ily that have not been tillers of the soil. That occupation seems hereditary in the Brant family from the time of John Brant, the great-grandfather of Cyrus C. Brant. The family came originally from Amsterdam, Holland, and settled in eastern Pennsylvania, coming from thence to Somerset and Westmoreland counties, where they are numerous and prominent in church, business and political affairs. The grandfather of the present generation whose history we are following was also John Brant. He was a farmer by occupation, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a Republican in politics. He married a Miss Kyle and they reared a family of six children, one of whom was Abraham Brant, of whom further.

Abraham Brant, father of Cyrus C. Brant, born in Ligonier township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, 1813, died 1860, aged forty-seven years. He followed farming throughout the active years of his life, was a reliable and public-spirited citizen, and gave his allegiance to the candidates of the Republican party, the principles of which he believed to be for the best form of government. He married, 1837, Susan Boucher, daughter of David and Eve (Friedline) Boucher, granddaughter of Henry and Mary (Shoemaker) Boucher, and great-granddaughter of Daniel Boucher, the first ancestor of this family in this country. (A detailed history of the Boucher family will be found elsewhere in the work). Mrs. Brant died April 14, 1894, aged seventy-nine years. They were the parents of ten children: 1. Elizabeth, married J. C. McConaughy, a farmer of the valley; they are the parents of ten children. 2. Mary, married J. H. McConaughy, two children; they reside in Ligonier. 3. Sarah, unmarried, resides in Ligonier. 4. Josiah H., farms a portion of the homestead farm near Ligonier. He married Millie McKelvey, 1889, and their children are: Harry McKinley, Charles Wilbert, Paul Stewart, Eugene Boucher, Florence Josephine, and Mary Virginia. Josiah H. is a steward of the Methodist Episcopal church of Ligonier, and a supporter of the principles of the Republican party. 5. Rebecca, married Harry Marker, of Ligonier, four children. 6. David, owner of a part of the old homestead, a Methodist in religion and a Republican in politics. He married Louisa Marker, has one child, Cora. 7. Susan, married Alexander Ambrose, of Ligonier, five children. 8. Cyrus C., of whom later. 9. Isaac, deceased. 10. Abraham, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pitcairn, Pennsylvania, a member of the Methodist church, and an adherent of the Republican party. He married Emma McCullough.

Cyrus C. Brant received his early education in the public schools of the township, and this was supplemented by a course at the academy of Ligonier and Mt. Union College, at Alliance, Ohio. He chose teaching for a profession and began his work as an instructor at Four Mile Run school when but fifteen years old. He has taught continuously in Westmoreland county since that first school excepting the time spent in college and one year as bookkeeper for the Pittsburg and Ligonier Realty Company. He has proved a capable and successful teacher, and has acceptably taught in the boroughs and townships of Ligonier, Derry, New Florence, Manor and Mount Pleasant. He keeps well informed on all matters pertaining to his calling, and while devoting his best interests to the work of instruction is still a student, and is well versed in literature and topics of general interest, but especially in the line which will aid him most in his chosen field of labor. He is a Republican, and holds a commission as notary public. Mr. Brant married, September 2, 1903, Josephine McKelvey, one of a family of ten children born to McKinley McKel-

vey, a Ligonier valley farmer, and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Brant are members of the Presbyterian church.

**EZRA G. NICELY.** The family to which Ezra G. Nicely, of Ligonier township, belongs is among the oldest of the Ligonier valley. Anthony W. Nicely, grandfather of Ezra G. Nicely, was born in 1806, in Ligonier township, and there spent his life as a farmer. He married Rose Anna Kutz and their children were: John H., of whom later; William, who fell in the battle of Bull Run; Lovina, wife of Jonas Noel; Harriet, married Abram Enos; Mary, wife of John Smith; Barbara; Sarah, married Adam Nicely. The father of this family died in 1891.

John H. Nicely, son of Anthony W. and Rose Anna (Kutz) Nicely, was born in 1834, in Ligonier township, and has from his youth been engaged in business as a drover, having never abandoned this occupation, even temporarily, for any other. Mr. Nicely married Mary Isabel, daughter of George P. and Keziah (Gelvin) Campbell, and their children were: Kizzie, wife of Samuel Johnson, Junior; William H., deceased; George McClellan, deceased; Edward J., associated in business with his brother, Ezra G.; Anthony, deceased; Ezra G., of whom later; Joseph M.; Minerva, wife of John Serrena; and Mary Irene, married George Freeman.

Ezra G. Nicely, son of John H. and Mary Isabel (Campbell) Nicely, was born March 9, 1872, and received his education in the common schools. When only twelve years old he was employed as clerk in the restaurant of E. G. Campbell, at Greensburg, where he remained two years, and then for one year was employed by his brother, who was a butcher at Derry Station. For three years he served as fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, after which he was again associated in business with his brother at Derry Station. At the end of a year he went to Idlewild Park, where he became the proprietor of a general store and also a caterer. In 1902 he leased the Ligonier House, which he successfully conducted in connection with his business as a dealer in horses and cattle until 1906, when he sold his interest in the hotel and retired to engage exclusively in his business of stock dealing. He maintains always a fine stable of well-bred, valuable horses and conducts a large business. While a resident of Idlewild Park he held the office of postmaster and also that of justice of the peace. He is a member of Lodge No. 331, F. and A. M., of Ligonier; Ligonier Lodge, No. 964, I. O. O. F., also of Ligonier, and the J. O. U. A. M., of Williamsburg. Mr. Nicely married Charlotte, daughter of William and Catherine Sophia Houseberg, of Pittsburg, and they have two sons: William H., born August 25, 1896; and Garnet John, born January 25, 1900.

**ROBERT D. SPRINGER.** Among the old families of Westmoreland county is the race of the Springers, one branch of which is represented by Robert D. Springer, of North Belle Vernon. John Springer was one of three brothers who came to this country from Sweden about the middle of the eighteenth century. He made his way through the wilderness by blazing the trees, and took up four hundred acres of land, part of which lay in Westmoreland and part in Fayette county. On this land he made his home during the remainder of his life.

Daniel Springer, son of John Springer, the emigrant, was born in 1763, on his father's farm, where he passed his entire life of eighty-two years. His son, Joseph Springer, was born in 1795, on the same farm, and married Margaret Driver. He always lived on the homestead, dying there at the age of seventy-

six. Their son, James Springer, born May 26, 1826, on a farm in Washington township, Fayette county, was reared on a portion of the old Springer homestead. In his nineteenth year he apprenticed himself to the cabinetmaker's trade in Belle Vernon, and for twenty-seven years thereafter made that trade his means of livelihood. In 1855 he was elected justice of the peace and has served continuously ever since, a period of half a century. He has served two terms as burgess of Belle Vernon, and several years as a member of the school board. He held the office of assessor for two terms, that of tax collector for one, and for ten years was secretary of the town council. He has been a member of the cemetery board since its organization in 1867, and for many years served as its president. For the last forty-six years he has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a charter member of Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 656, and having previously affiliated with Fayette City Lodge. He is a staunch Republican, and a member of the Christian church, in which since 1869 he has served as elder. Mr. Springer married Sarah Ann Reeves, and their children are: Orville R., commercial salesman for the Allen Kirkpatrick Company of Pittsburg; Laura, wife of A. H. Cunningham, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Amanda, deceased, was the wife of E. M. Kyle, merchant of Belle Vernon; Nancy, wife of J. P. Baughman, ex-burgess of Jeannette; Robert D., mentioned hereafter; Joseph O., twin to Robert D., with whom he is associated in business; Anna B., wife of S. W. Murphy, of North Belle Vernon, commercial salesman for the Arbuckle Company; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. B. B. Martin, of Allegheny; and Frank A., postmaster of Belle Vernon.

Robert D. Springer, son of James and Sarah Ann (Reeves) Springer, was born September 3, 1860, in Belle Vernon, Fayette county, where he was educated in the common schools. From his fourteenth year he ran on the river from Pittsburg to Brownsville, and in 1881, being then twenty-one years old, engaged in the livery business in Belle Vernon. Two years later he disposed of the business, and in 1884, in partnership with his brother, Joseph O. Springer, engaged in the meat business in Belle Vernon. This enterprise the two brothers have since successfully conducted. Mr. Springer is a Republican in politics. He married in 1894, Cora B., daughter of the late John S. Reeves, of North Belle Vernon, who served during the Civil war as captain of Company D, Twenty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry. Mr. and Mrs. Springer have four children: Joseph E., Clara, Helen, and Sarah. Joseph O. Springer, twin brother of Robert D., married Hannah Gray, of New Castle, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1892, to whom was born three children: Robert G., Laura M., Bessie E.

EDMUND M. KYLE. The father of Edmund M. Kyle, of Belle Vernon, was William Kyle, born in 1816, at Perryopolis, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated. From 1845 and 1855 he was engaged in the manufacture of glass in Fayette City, and then went into the mercantile business with which he was identified until 1868. Under the administration of President Grant he was appointed by the collector of internal revenue storekeeper at Gibsonton, and the greater part of his service was rendered at that place. He held the appointment for sixteen years under the administrations of Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Arthur, retiring from the service in 1884, and afterward leading a strictly private life. Mr. Kyle married Margaret M., born in 1826, daughter of James and Hester (Sisley) McCrory, both natives of Fayette county. The former belonged to a family which has been resident in Fayette county more than one hundred and fifty

years. His father settled near Belle Vernon, where he took up a large tract of land from which he was thrice driven by the Indians and forced to take refuge in the forts. Mrs. Kyle's grandmother lived to the extraordinary age of one hundred and four years. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living: James P., a resident of Belle Vernon; Lewis M., proprietor of the Kyle Hotel, at Belle Vernon; Edmund M., mentioned hereafter; William, lives at Belle Vernon; Samuel, a resident of the same place; Naomi, wife of Marion Roley, of Belle Vernon; and Sarah, resides at home. The deceased members of the family are: Wilson M., Emma L., and Mary, who became the wife of Oliver Murphy and is survived by seven children; Mazie, Lewis, Emma, Clarence, German, John and Grace. William Kyle died October 27, 1894, in Belle Vernon, where he had resided since 1865. His widow is still living and is a resident of North Belle Vernon.

Edmund M. Kyle, son of William and Margaret M. (McCrary) Kyle, was born December 7, 1850, in Fayette City, and was educated in the common schools. As early as his twelfth year he began to work for wages, and until his seventeenth year labored at whatever offered to return him a dollar. At the age of seventeen he became a clerk in the store of Martin & Pearsol, in Belle Vernon, remaining there until 1873. On May 9 of that year he formed a partnership with J. A. Pearsol, one of his former employers, under the firm name of E. M. Kyle & Company, and they embarked in business in Belle Vernon. When the partnership had lasted about four years, Mr. Kyle purchased the interest of Mr. Pearsol and has since carried on the business alone. In 1894 he built his present commodious business block in North Belle Vernon, where he now conducts one of the largest department stores in the borough. He has served at different times as a member of the school board in the old borough, member of the council in the borough of North Belle Vernon, and as county committeeman. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Belle Vernon, and to the Royal Arcanum. Politically he is a staunch Republican. Mr. Kyle married in 1874, Amanda C., daughter of James M. Springer, for many years a well known justice of the peace in Belle Vernon. They have two daughters: Hester E., at home; and Fannie L., wife of Frank De Vinney, of Belle Vernon. Mrs. Kyle died April 6, 1904, at the age of fifty-four, having been born April 16, 1850. Mr. Kyle's daughter, Mrs. DeVinney, keeps house for her father.

**JAMES FROST.** Both by birth and parentage James Frost, of Belle Vernon, is an Englishman. He is a son of James and Eliza (Weller) Frost, and was born August 24, 1841, in London, England, one of a family of seven children. Both his parents died when he was quite young, in consequence of which his educational advantages were very limited and he was early thrown upon his own resources.

In 1869 James Frost, Jr., emigrated to the United States, settling in Pittsburg, where he was variously employed until the following year. He then went to Gibsonton and for two years was employed in the distillery, after which he went to Gray's Landing and entered the distillery of William Gray & Sons, where he thoroughly learned the business. After remaining there eight years he was offered and accepted the position of distiller at the Gibsonton distillery, which he held for twenty-two consecutive years. In November, 1902, he took charge of the Hotel Birmingham, the leading hostelry of Belle Vernon, of which he is still proprietor. He is a Republican in politics. He married in 1872, Mary Ann, daughter of Ellis and Mary J. (Barnhart)

Johnson, the former a prominent farmer of Green county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are both remarkable for longevity, the former being in his eighty-fifth year and the latter in her eighty-sixth. They have been the parents of ten children, of whom the following are now living: William E., who assists his father in the hotel; Harry W., proprietor of a hotel, and is also engaged in the Moss distillery at Port Royal; James R., lives at home and for three years has been employed in the Dellinger distillery; Ulysses S., resides at home and is a telegraph operator; John D., at home; and Flora R., at home.

S. HULBERT SMITH is now residing in the home of his grandson, Hulbert S. Herrington, of Latrobe, and while only a few years of his life have been passed in Westmoreland county he has been so prominently identified with the business and civic affairs of the old Keystone state, that it is most consonant that a tribute be accorded him in this publication. In both the paternal and maternal lines Mr. Smith is a representative of staunch colonial ancestry, while he himself is a native of the old Empire state of the Union, having been born in the town of Exeter, Otsego county, New York, January 18, 1815, so that he is ninety years of age at the time of this writing. He is a son of Samuel B. and Elizabeth (Baker) Smith, both of whom passed their entire lives in Otsego county, where the father followed the vocation of farming for many years, being an influential citizen of that section.

S. Hulbert Smith received excellent educational advantages in his youth, having continued his studies until he was eighteen years of age, and later he taught in a district school near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and also in the borough. He came to Pennsylvania and located in Holidaysburg, Blair county, in 1836, was a clerk there for about two years, and then went to Johnstown, where he also served as clerk at the junction of the Pennsylvania canal and the Portage Railroad, teaching, as above stated, in the winter time, and later permanently identified himself with the industrial interests of the town by purchasing an iron foundry, which he continued to operate successfully for a period of five years. Nearly a half century ago Mr. Smith founded the first banking institution in Johnstown, the same having been started under the firm name of Bell, Smith & Company, while the original quarters of the bank were in the lower western room of the old Cambria hotel or tavern, which had been erected by a man named Hamilton and which he long conducted. The bank owners rented the room mentioned, with cellar beneath, for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, while the lease provided also for the installing of double windows, with all proper locks and bars. Later he sold to what is now the First National Bank. He continued to reside in Johnstown for many years, but subsequently lived in New York and other places. He moved to Latrobe in April, 1887. In the first year of the Pennsylvania Railroad construction Mr. Smith, who was engaged at the time in the iron business, erected the first iron railroad bridge at Johnstown, Pennsylvania; also another a few miles distant, east of Johnstown, for the same road. Early in life Mr. Smith supported the Democratic party, but of late years has not given politics any attention. For many years he has been identified with the Presbyterian church and is a devout man.

He married in the spring of 1839, Susan Anderson, of Massachusetts, who was his life companion for fifty-eight years; she died April 16, 1879. Their children were: Frances J., married Hiram Herrington, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania; William H., married and now resides in Kansas; Jessie, married Dr. Edward Breman, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, both are now deceased. Of his





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four grandchildren, three are living. The deceased one was Hulbert-Smith Herrington, who left two sons: Francis H. and Arthur Smith Herrington.

**M. A. LYTLE.** The Lytle family is of Irish lineage and was founded in America by Frances Lytle, a native of Ireland, whence he emigrated to America, accompanied by his wife. They settled in the Ligonier Valley in Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until his life's labors were ended in death. He was a very active man in the Presbyterian church, and influential in community affairs. In his family were five children: Nancy, wife of Thomas Smith; Jane, wife of John Braden; John, William, and Francis.

Francis Lytle, grandfather of M. A. Lytle, was born in the Ligonier Valley, about four miles east of Ligonier borough, upon a farm on which he spent his entire life, and he gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits. He, too, was a very active and helpful member of the Presbyterian church, and his benevolences were many. He died about 1860. His wife bore the maiden name of Eliza Hammill, and they were parents of four children: Francis, Hugh, John and Anna, wife of George Shaffer, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Hugh Lytle, the father, was born on the old family homestead in the Ligonier Valley, November 20, 1820, and in early manhood began farming on his own account on a tract of land which adjoined his father's farm, and which he continued to cultivate and improve until 1884, when on account of impaired health he retired from active business life and removed to Ligonier, where he died April 23, 1888. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church at Ligonier for many years. He married Mary J. Hammill, daughter of Allen and Jane (Graham) Hammill, and a granddaughter of Robert Hammill, who emigrated from Ireland to America. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lytle had nine children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: Jane G., wife of William McElroy; Frances W., deceased; Anna, deceased wife of Dr. J. H. Nichol; Mathew A.; Ella N., a teacher of music in Loveland, Colorado; Lucy E., at home; and Martha, wife of Rev. T. L. Jamieson, of Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

M. A. Lytle, son of Hugh Lytle, was born on his father's farm in the Ligonier Valley, May 17, 1858, and after attending the common schools pursued a course in bookkeeping in Youngstown, Ohio. For a number of years thereafter he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, and was then called to public office. In politics he has always been a stanch Republican, and in 1894 was elected clerk of the courts of Westmoreland county for three years, and was also deputy prothonotary for three years. Like the family, he has always adhered to the faith of the Presbyterian church, and has fully sustained the excellent reputation which the Lytles have always born in the valley. In April, 1905, he removed to Greensburg and purchased the bakery business of John McFall, which he is still conducting. Mr. Lytle wedded Ada J. Smith, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Boyd) Smith. The marriage was celebrated September 25, 1879, and they have two children: Vesta Ann, born July 23, 1880, a graduate of Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania; and H. Arthur, born March 24, 1883, a bookkeeper for Armour & Company, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

**CHARLES A. LOWRY**, one of the oldest business men in Ligonier, conducting a furniture and undertaking establishment, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1847. His father, William Lowry, was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1820, and for a number of years was one of the old stage drivers on the pike between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. Later

he became proprietor of the hotel about a half mile from Jennerstown, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for several years. In 1856 he went to California, where he was driver of a mail stage for a considerable period, and while in the west he also made his home in Salt Lake City for a time. In 1860 he returned to his old home in Pennsylvania, and the following year enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company C, Fifty-fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he served for three years. He then re-enlisted and continued with the army until the close of the war, returning to his home with a creditable military record. He held membership in the Presbyterian church. He married Jane Richmier, and they had six children: Charles A., Abraham, William and John, all deceased; Joshua, who is living in Downingtown, Pennsylvania; and Margaret, wife of Jeremiah Heckman.

Charles A. Lowry, having obtained his education in the public schools, began learning the cabinet maker's trade when sixteen years of age, as an apprentice under Henry Hoffman, at Jenner's Crossroads, where he remained for four years. He then came to Ligonier, where he worked at his trade for Samuel Weiner for one year, on the expiration of which period he embarked in business for himself, forming a partnership with J. W. Ambrose, for the conduct of a furniture and undertaking business at Ligonier. They carried on this enterprise for five years, when Mr. Lowry withdrew and started an independent business, which he has since successfully conducted, and he is to-day one of the oldest and most prominent merchants of the borough. He is also interested in public affairs relating to the welfare and improvement of the locality. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is a charter member of Ligonier Lodge, No. 964, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs. He is likewise a charter member of the Knights of Honor Lodge, No. 1244 in which he has filled all the offices, and he belongs to the J. O. A. M. at Ligonier. His political labors and ballot endorse Democratic principles, and he has held local office, serving as councilman for one term, as school director two terms, as judge of elections, assessor and in other positions. Mr. Lowry married Sarah Hicks, a daughter of William and Lydia Hicks, and granddaughter of Abram and Eve Hicks. They had eight children: Olive I., wife of Thomas Kuhn; Lydia M., wife of James Tinkom; Annie, wife of John Dennis; Edward W. and Mathew B. S., at home; and three who died in infancy.

**SAMUEL S. DICE.** The Dice family has for more than a century been represented in Westmoreland county. Ephraim Dice, the grandfather, was born in this county in 1808, and in early life learned the cabinet-making trade, which he followed throughout his business career in or near Mount Pleasant. He had four children: William; Elizabeth, wife of James Patterson; and Samuel and Alexander, both deceased. Ephraim Dice has outlived his children and is still quite active. He makes his home at Mount Pleasant.

William Dice, son of Ephraim Dice, was born in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, about 1844, and for a number of years was engaged in the furniture business with his father in his native town. About 1873 or 1874 he removed to Ligonier, where he opened a furniture store, which he conducted successfully until his death, which occurred in 1893. In politics he was a stalwart Democrat, active in the local work of the party, and he served as school director, councilman and in other offices. He married Margaret Henry, a daughter of George and Mary Henry, and to them were born two children: Samuel S. and Edith O.

Samuel S. Dice, the only son, was born in Mount Pleasant, October 1, 1862, and removed to Ligonier with his father when about ten years of age. He acquired his education in the public schools and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the store until he was about twenty-three years of age. He then established a barber shop, which he has since conducted, and his large patronage now returns to him a good income. Like his father Mr. Dice gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party. He was elected chief Burgess of Ligonier by an overwhelming majority, notwithstanding the fact that the borough is a strong Republican center. His election was certainly proof of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Ligonier, and is a member of Ligonier Lodge, No. 964, I. O. O. F. He wedded Sarah A. Brenizer, and they have one son, William Brenizer, born in July, 1895. Sarah A. (Brenizer) Dice was a daughter of Jacob and Sarah Brenizer, of Ligonier Valley. She was born March 17, 1862, educated in the Ligonier schools, and on several years was assistant to Squire Graham, then postmaster of Ligonier. She is a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Dice at this date (1906) is erecting a beautiful modern dwelling on Main street, Ligonier, which will be his home when finished.

JOHN FREEMAN MENOHER, the genial proprietor of the Hotel Menoher at Ligonier, belongs to one of the old and honored families of the Ligonier Valley. His grandfather, Charles Menoher, resided two miles east of the borough, where he followed farming throughout his entire life. He married a Miss Clifford, and they had nine children: John, Joseph, Samuel, Thomas, William, Jane, wife of McKinley McKelvey; Rebecca, wife of William McColly; Bell, wife of James McKelvy; and Melissa, wife of Michael Fry.

William Menoher, son of Charles Menoher, was born in Ligonier township in 1823, and was reared to farm life, always carrying on agricultural pursuits in the Ligonier valley until his demise. The old home property is now in possession of one of his descendants, Henry D. He was a member of the Ligonier Presbyterian church. He married Catherine Austraw, daughter of John Austraw, and they have eight children: Charles, John F., Lemon B., Watson A., Henry D. F., Harry A., Elsie D., wife of Moses B. Parson; Ada Maud, wife of George A. Freeman.

John F. Menoher, son of William Menoher, was born in Ligonier township, December 1, 1854, and after obtaining his education in the public schools devoted his energies to the work of the old home farm until thirty years of age. He then entered upon an independent business career as proprietor of what is now known as the National Hotel, at Ligonier, where he remained three years. He then purchased the property which he now occupies and established the Menoher Hotel, where he has built up a business that is a credit to the town as well as a good source of income to himself. He is one of the most popular hotel men in the valley. In connection with his hotel he conducts a livery stable. Mr. Menoher gives his political support to the Democratic party, and he has been elected to the office of councilman for three terms, although the borough has a strong normal Republican majority. He belongs to Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 964, at Ligonier. He married Ella R. Lawson, a daughter of James Lawson, a justice of the peace and an old resident of Ligonier borough. James Lawson, a son of Thomas and Esther (Moore) Lawson, was born in Somerset, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1814. He learned the trade of hatter. He was also a carpenter and cabinet-maker. James Lawson married Mary Roberts,

March 22, 1837. The children of this marriage were: Claudius Thomas, Marcus Cicero, James Emmet, Daniel Augustus, J. Governor, Martha Jane (Mrs. Calvin A. Light), Mary Estella (Mrs. Louis A. Weaver), Josephine (Mrs. William J. Potts), Johanna, died in infancy; Ellen R. (Mrs. John F. Menoher). Thomas Lawson, grandfather of Mrs. Ellen R. Menoher, resided in Somerset. He was a carpenter and builder. He married Esther Moore, daughter of Philip Moore, and they were the parents of four children: Jonas, Hon. D. T., of Ohio; Rebecca (Mrs. John Birkhart) of Somerset; and Sarah, wife of Jacob Covode, brother of Hon. John Covode.

**WILLIAM F. YOUNG.** The father of William F. Young, of Ligonier, is Simon Young, who was born in Marietta, Lancaster county, in 1831, and in 1858 moved to Johnstown, where he established himself in business as a butcher. He carried on the business until 1889 since which time he has led a retired life in Johnstown. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and his political affiliations are with the Democrats. Mr. Young married, in 1851, Sarah Shute, born February 14, 1830, and their children were: William F., of whom later; Lizzie C., married Sheridan Wisegarber; Harry S., a butcher in Johnstown; Calvin A., also a butcher in the same place; Simon, Junior, who is likewise a butcher, in Johnstown; and Annie, married Bert Custer.

William F. Young, son of Simon and Sarah (Shute) Young, was born December 22, 1852, in Lancaster county, and received his education in the common schools of Johnstown. In 1868 his father took him into the business with which he was connected until June 4, 1885, when he went to Ligonier and established the first general meat market which the town had ever had. This he has successfully conducted to the present time and has also established a branch at Derry. He is a Presbyterian in religion, a Democrat in politics and has served in the capacity of councilman.

Mr. Young married Maggie, daughter of Augustus Robb, and they have three children: Clara May, at home; Edith, married John Agnew, of Wilmerding; and Charles Franklin, has charge of the business at Derry.

**JOHN R. BOVARD.** The earliest information we have of the ancestors of John R. Bovard is that they were Huguenots who were driven from France by religious persecution, and on coming to the new world settled in Carlysle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Oliver Bovard, the first of the name of whom we have any definite information, came from Cumberland county to Westmoreland county, and settled on a farm in what is now Mount Pleasant. The town growing up around him was first known as Helltown and later as Slabtown, and it was through his efforts that the name was changed to Mount Pleasant. Being one day at a gathering in the tavern, Mr. Bovard rose and went out with a bottle of wine in his hand, and breaking this against the side of the house he at the same time uttered the words, "I christen thee Mount Pleasant," thus conferring upon the town the name it at present enjoys. In 1814 Mr. Bovard sold his Mount Pleasant land and moved to South Huntingdon township, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres near the farm now occupied by one of his grandsons, Robert Oliver Bovard. Here he spent the remainder of his life. During the night following that on which he took possession of his Mount Pleasant home, the Indians stole some of his horses, and the next day one of them was found shot dead, it having probably refused to leave its mate. Mr. Bovard was the father of three sons: Oliver, John, and Robert. The latter two died in consequence of having par-



taken of wild parsnips under the impression that they were sweet myrrh. Mr. Bovard himself had also partaken of the vegetables, but having eaten but a small quantity he recovered from the effects. This happened after the removal of the family to South Huntingdon township, where Mr. Bovard died at the age of eighty-four.

Oliver Bovard, only surviving son of Oliver Bovard, mentioned above, was born on the Mount Pleasant farm, a portion of which now forms the site of the college, and on reaching manhood remained at home, becoming in course of time the owner of the estate on which he passed his entire life. In politics he was a staunch Republican and held several minor township offices, being possibly the only Republican ever elected in that strong Democratic district. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, being very active in anything that would further its interests. Mr. Bovard married Mathilda S. Farr, and eight of their eleven children are now living: James I., a resident of East Greensburg; Robert Oliver, lives in South Huntingdon township; Charles R., lives in South Huntingdon township; William F., resides in East Greensburg; John R., of whom later; Mary J., wife of Sherman Ross, of East Greensburg; Emma M.; Rosa F., who resides with her brother Charles R. Mr. Bovard died when he was in his eightieth year.

John R. Bovard, son of Oliver and Mathilda S. (Farr) Bovard, was born October 29, 1859, in South Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age, his education being acquired in the common schools, then attending the Mount Pleasant Institute for two years, and after that the Mount Union College for two years. In 1881 he commenced his career as a teacher, and for sixteen consecutive years he taught in the schools of Westmoreland, the last seven years of this time being principal of the North Belle Vernon school. In 1897 he turned his attention to commerce and entered into partnership with R. J. McKean. Their line of business was that of general merchandise, and as they were both enterprising, wide-awake men, the firm soon had an enviable reputation for prosperity and sound business principles, a reputation which it has continued to hold. Mr. Bovard is a staunch Republican, and has served one term as tax collector, fourteen years as borough clerk of North Belle Vernon, and for the past seven years has been a member of the school board. He is secretary of the board at the present time, having held all the various offices in that body. He is a member of Gummert Lodge, No. 25, Free and Acceptor Masons of Fayette City; of Uniontown Lodge of Perfection, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites; of Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 656, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 531, Royal Arcanum; of Western Council, No. 79, Junior Order United American Mechanics. Mr. Bovard is a member and regular attendant of the Presbyterian church, and is a trustee of that institution. In 1887 he married Eliza J. McKean, daughter of Samuel and Jessie (Tweedie) McKean, of Fern Cliff, as their country home near Belle Vernon is called. Mr. and Mrs. Bovard are the parents of one child, Mary Margaret.

ROBERT JOHN McKEAN. Scotland was the original home of the ancestors of Robert John McKean, of North Belle Vernon. His grandfather, William McKean, was the owner and operator of the Kelton Hill farm, an extensive property in Kirkcudbrightshire, near the town of East Galloway. He married Mary Brown, and among their children was a son, Samuel, mentioned hereafter. Mr. McKean died on the farm on which he had passed his life.

Samuel McKean, son of William and Mary (Brown) McKean, was born in 1833, in Scotland, where he was educated for the ministry. In 1853 he came to the United States and settled in Rutland, Vermont, where he remained one year, and after a sojourn of some six months in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, took up his abode in Washington county, same state. While there he abandoned his intention of entering the ministry and engaged in gardening and horticulture, in which he has been very successful. In 1877 he moved to Rostraver township, where he continued in the same line of business, his establishment being widely known as Fern Cliff Gardens. He is a Republican in politics, and while never an office seeker has served several years as a member of the school board. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. McKean married, just before leaving his native land, Jessie, born in 1831, in Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland, daughter of John and Jeannette (Carter) Tweedie, the former a cabinet-maker by trade. Both he and his wife died in their native country. Mr. and Mrs. McKean were the parents of the following children: Mary, wife of Christopher Cribbs, of Greensburg; William A., resides at home; Jennie, married C. B. Copeland, of Charleroi; Margaret, wife of James P. Williams, of California, Pennsylvania; Samuel M., lives at North Belle Vernon; Eliza, married John R. Bovard, of Belle Vernon; Robert John, mentioned hereafter; Martha Ann, wife of W. H. Calvert, of Charleroi; Katherine, married R. K. Johnson, of Gibsonton; and Charles J., resides at home.

Robert John McKean, son of Samuel and Jessie (Tweedie) McKean, was born October 30, 1867, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the common schools of Gibsonton. For two years after attaining his majority he was employed in the recorder's office in Greensburg, and then returned to North Belle Vernon, where for three or four years he was employed in a clerical capacity in the department store of E. M. Kyle. He then accepted a position with the California Coal Company, in whose service he remained some two years, when he resigned in order to accept a position as store manager for the mercantile house of J. E. McCardle, of Charleroi. In 1897 he resigned this position and organized the mercantile firm of McKean & Bovard, to which he devoted himself, bringing to the enterprise the aid of his many years of experience in the mercantile field. The business has prospered and the partners now constitute one of the leading firms of North Belle Vernon. Mr. McKean belongs to Belle Vernon Lodge, No. 656, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Monongahela Lodge, No. 362, Knights of Pythias; Charleroi Lodge, No. 494, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and North Belle Vernon Council, No. 78, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of Belle Vernon. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which for a number of years he has served as president of the Young People's Society. He is unmarried and resides with his parents.

ELWOOD MILLER, contractor and builder in Belle Vernon, Rostraver township, is the grandson of John E. Miller, a native of Germany. John E. Miller was for several years a sailor in the German merchant marine trade, and later emigrated to America and settled in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, where he was connected with canal transportation.

John E. Miller, son of the above named John E. Miller, was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, in 1849. From his seventh year he was brought up by William Jones, then residing on a farm near Fells Church, Rostraver township, and who is now vice president of the Valley Deposit and Trust Company in





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Belle Vernon and who resides in North Belle Vernon. John E. Miller, when still quite a young man, located in Belle Vernon and worked some years in the mines. He then engaged in market gardening, which he followed for a number of years, and late in the nineties he gave up gardening to accept a position with the Belle Vernon Water Company, by whom he is still employed. In politics he is a Republican. He has served several years as a member of the school board of Rostraver township. He is a member and regular attendant at the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and the Improved Order of Redmen. He is popular and highly respected by his fellow citizens of Belle Vernon. Upon reaching his twenty-first year John E. Miller married Eliza J. Thompson, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Valentine and Mary A. Thompson. They had five children, all of whom are living: Evaline, wife of G. W. Johnson, in Charleroi; William L., who holds a position with the People's Gas Company in Belle Vernon; James A., employed by the American Window Glass Company in Belle Vernon; Edward K., a window glass gatherer in Belle Vernon; and Elwood, of whom later.

Elwood Miller, the son of John E. and Eliza J. (Thompson) Miller, was born in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1874. He lived at home with his parents until about his sixteenth year, attending the common schools during that time. At the age of sixteen he apprenticed himself to a carpenter and learned that trade. He finished his apprenticeship within three years, and then for about six years worked as a journeyman carpenter. He was then offered and accepted the position of superintendent in the contracting firm of A. B. Kline, of Charleroi, which position he held for five years, and in September, 1904, he resigned from it to engage in business for himself. He commenced contracting and building on his own account, has been very successful and is fast becoming one of the leading contractors of Belle Vernon. Mr. Miller is steadfast in his adherence to the Republican party. He is a member of the present borough council of North Belle Vernon, is chief of the fire department, and a member of the Protective Home Circle. He is one of North Belle Vernon's best known men. Mr. Miller married Alice Richards, daughter of Joseph and Jane (Barton) Richards, of Belle Vernon. Mrs. Miller and her parents are natives of England. To Mr. Miller and his wife were born four children: Lloyd A., Bessie Caryl, Robert A., and John E.

LAUREN C. THOMAS, M. D. This able and representative member of the medical profession in Westmoreland county is established in practice at Latrobe, and aside from his precedence as a physician and surgeon he merits consideration in this work on the score of being a scion of one of the old and honored families of this favored section of the Keystone state. Dr. Thomas was born in Ferguson township, Centre county, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1860, a son of John E. and Lucy (Emerick) Thomas, natives, respectively, of Ferguson township, Centre county, Pennsylvania, and Harris township, Centre county, Pennsylvania, while both are now deceased, the father having devoted his active career to educational pursuits and having been one of the sterling and honored citizens of Centre county, where he was principal of a preparatory school.

Dr. Thomas secured his early educational training in the public schools of his native county, and later continued his studies in the Pine Grove Academy and Seminary, at Pine Grove, Centre county. In 1885, after a careful preliminary course of reading under a private preceptor, he matriculated in

the celebrated College of Physicians and Surgeons in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, where he completed the prescribed technical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1887, receiving his well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine and coming forth admirably equipped for the practical work of his exacting profession. Later on, with the commendable desire to further fortify himself, he took special post-graduate work in his profession in leading medical colleges in the city of Philadelphia, in whose hospitals he also availed himself of the superior clinical advantages afforded. It may further be said that he keeps in close touch with the advances made in both departments of his profession, having recourse to the best standard and periodical literature and retaining membership in leading medical societies, including the American Medical Association, and Westmoreland County Medical Society. After devoting two years to post-graduate work and general practice in the city of Philadelphia Dr. Thomas came to Latrobe, where he has ever since maintained his home and where he has built up a large and representative practice, while to him is accorded the unequivocal confidence and esteem of the people of the community in which he has lived and labored to goodly ends, being recognized as a progressive and public-spirited citizen and having taken an active interest in local affairs. In politics he gives a staunch allegiance to the Republican party, and in its ranks he is an active and effective worker. In recognition of his eligibility and of his hold upon popular esteem he was elected to the legislature of Pennsylvania as representative of Westmoreland county, in 1901. He served for two years as a member of the lower house and made an excellent record in the general assembly, while he is still active in political affairs in his county. He has been a member of the board of school directors of Latrobe for nearly a decade, and in all that concerns the welfare and progress of his home town and county he ever shows a lively and loyal interest. In a fraternal way he is identified with the B. P. O. E., and the K. P.

Dr. Thomas married, April 22, 1880, Martha Scott, born and reared in Huntingdon county, this state, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Bell) Scott, well known residents of that county, where the father was a prominent and influential farmer. They are now both deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas have two children, Lucy E., born February 17, 1884; and Walter Scott, born March 23, 1886. Lucy E. was graduated in the Latrobe High school as a member of the class of 1902, and then became a student in Wilson College, at Chambersburg, where she continued her studies until about six months prior to the time when she would have been graduated in the institution, which she was compelled to leave on account of severe illness. Walter S. was graduated in the high school at Latrobe in 1904, and is now a student in the State College of Pennsylvania, of Centre county.

WATSON A. MENOHER, the leading contractor and builder of the Ligonier valley, was born on the old family homestead in that valley, November 3, 1858. His ancestors for several generations have resided in the same locality. The valley was the home of his great-grandparents for here was born his grandfather, Charles Menoher, who throughout his entire life followed farming two miles east of the borough of Ligonier. He married a Miss Clifford, and their children were: John; Joseph; Samuel; Thomas; William; Jane, wife of McKinley McKelvey; Rebecca, wife of William McColly; Bell, wife of James McKelvy; and Melissa, wife of Michael Fry.

William Menoher, son of Charles Menoher, was born in Ligonier township, Westmoreland county, in 1822 or 1823, and after attaining his majority

devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits in the Ligonier valley until his death. His farm is now the property of his son, Henry D. F. Menoher. William Menoher was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, at Ligonier. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Austraw, was a daughter of John Austraw, of the Ligonier valley. They had eight children: Charles; John F., proprietor of Hotel Menoher, at Ligonier; Lenson B.; Watson A.; Henry D. F., living on the old homestead; Harry A.; Elsie D., the wife of Moses B. Parson; and Ada Maud, wife of George A. Freeman.

Watson A. Menoher, having obtained his literary education in the public schools, began learning the trade of carpenter as an apprentice to Robert Orr when seventeen years of age. He was thus employed for two years when he went to Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he worked for Benjamin Simpson for two years, and then began business for himself as a contractor and builder in the borough of Ligonier. He also moves buildings and has successfully carried on business to the present time, being now the leading contractor and builder of the Ligonier valley, the business constantly increasing. In his political affiliations Mr. Menoher is a staunch Democrat, and fraternally he is connected with Ligonier Lodge, No. 964, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all the chairs. He married Ellen N. Nicely, daughter of A. A. and Elizabeth Nicely, and granddaughter of Adam and Hester Nicely. They have five children: Lola M., born January 21, 1890; Marion Florence, August 24, 1891; Ford Victor, November 1, 1892; Emerson Lester, October 29, 1895; and George Ernest, February 11, 1901.

JOHN W. CRAWFORD traces his ancestry back to Ireland, whence his grandfather, Harvey Crawford, emigrated to America, settling at Loudman, Pennsylvania, where he followed the cooper's trade throughout the remainder of his life. He had three children: Joseph and Jacob, and a daughter.

Joseph Crawford, father of John W. Crawford, was born in York, Pennsylvania, in 1816, and in early life he learned the trade of tinner, which he followed throughout his business career. He removed to the Ligonier valley about 1853, settling at Donegal, where he continued to reside for a half century. He died June 13, 1903. He was a very active member of the Methodist Episcopal church for a number of years. His wife bore the maiden name of Lydia Miller, and their children were: Mary, married James Hays; John W.; Araminta, married James Nichols; Ida Belle, deceased; Henry Chapman; Samuel W.; Laura, widow of William Watt; Harvey; Cora; Charles; Myrtle, deceased wife of Edwin Keys; and one that died in infancy.

John W. Crawford was born in Lavansville, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1851, and at the usual age entered the public schools, therein mastering the common branches of English learning. He afterward learned the trade of tinner with his father, and when twenty-two years of age he began working for John H. Miller, at Somerset, in whose employ he remained for five years. He then removed to Lavansville, where he established a tin store, which he conducted for two years, when he went to Donegal, Westmoreland county, and continued in the same line of business for eighteen months. He came to Ligonier in 1880, and purchased the business of John Kuln. Here he has since been continuously engaged in merchandising, conducting a general store, in which he carries a line of stoves, hardware, tinware, groceries, paints, oils, and he also does a general furnace and roofing business. He has erected all the buildings which he occupies, and has made

extensive general improvements. His trade has continually increased, and he is a worthy representative of the commercial and industrial interests of the borough. His political views are in accord with the principles of the Republican party, and he has been elected councilman of Ligonier, capably serving for five years. Mr. Crawford married (first) Amanda Beistel, a daughter of John Beistel, of the Ligonier valley, and their children are: Clark Dawson, who was in the Spanish-American war, at Porto Rico until the close of hostilities, and afterward joined the marines at Philadelphia, where he served for thirteen months. Charles E., a tinner, at Ligonier; Anna M., wife of Herbert Nicely; Nettie B., wife of David Hawk; Harvey and Frank, who are tanners, at Ligonier; Florence W.; twins who died in infancy; and Cora B., at home. Mrs. Crawford died April 7, 1904. Mr. Crawford married (second), July 20, 1905, Bella J. Ramsey, daughter of Culbertson Ramsey, of Fort Palmer. Mr. Ramsey is a veteran of the Civil war, and a prominent member of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Crawford and his wife are communicants of the same faith at Ligonier.

**HARRY B. STOM.** The ancestors of Harry B. Stom, of Ligonier borough, have resided in the Ligonier valley through several generations. His great-grandfather, Henry Stom, was a resident of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he followed weaving all his life, so far as is known. He married Elizabeth Kendall.

Samuel Stom (grandfather), only child of Henry and Elizabeth (Kendall) Stom, was born and reared in Somerset county. In early life he began farming in that county, and was very successful, investing his surplus earnings in additional land until he had accumulated considerable real estate. About 1849 he removed to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for two years, and in 1851 he took up his abode in Ligonier township, Westmoreland county, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in February, 1883. He was one of the progressive and influential farmers of his locality, and was a member of the original Dunkard church. He married Sarah Schultz, and they became the parents of seven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Henry, enlisted in the Union army, August 22, 1862, and was wounded in the battle of Chancellorsville, his death occurring soon afterward in Herwood hospital, in Washington, D. C.; John; Elizabeth; Sarah; Susan; Emanuel A., a farmer of Cook township, Westmoreland county, deceased.

John Stom, son of Samuel Stom, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1835, and came with his father to Westmoreland county in 1851, being then sixteen years of age. Here he engaged in farming until August 22, 1862, when in response to his country's call for aid, he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, becoming third corporal. He served for twenty-eight months, during which time he was in twenty-one battles. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, and was mustered out of service as first sergeant, in December, 1864, near Hatcher's Run. Since his return to the north he has devoted his attention principally to agricultural pursuits. In politics he is a Republican, and has filled several local offices, including that of township supervisor. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, is active in its work, is serving on the board of trustees, and is a class leader. He married, November 8, 1866, Mary E. Barron, daughter of Levi and Christina (Brant) Barron, and their children were: Sarah A., born August 2, 1867, died August 2, 1891;



Harry B.; Isadora, born July 3, 1871; Anna L., born May 11, 1873, married H. G. Robbins; Kate K., born August 28, 1875; Ivie F., born July 22, 1877; Olive E., born July 26, 1879; James W., born October 8, 1881; and John C., born April 11, 1888.

Harry B. Stom was born November 14, 1869, in Ligonier, and having acquired his early education in the public schools of Ligonier, he attended the Ligonier Classical Institute. Following the completion of his education he remained upon the home farm until twenty-one years of age, when he accepted the position of shipping clerk for Booth & Flinn, contractors of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with whom he remained for five years. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as express and freight messenger in 1894-5, after which he returned to the old homestead and devoted a part of his time to farming, but during the winter was employed in a commission office. He went to Swissdale in 1903, where he engaged in merchandising for a year, after which he returned to Ligonier, where in company with W. H. Lowry he established what is known as The Colonnade, a general stationery and confectionery store, which has become a factor in commercial circles in Ligonier, and a profitable source of income to the proprietors. Mr. Stom has exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party since attaining his majority, has been a member of the county central committee for several years, has filled almost every township office, and is recognized as one of the leading representatives of his party in the county. He was appointed rural free delivery carrier June 15, 1905, after a competitive examination in which he attained the high average of ninety-eight per cent. His route is No. 2, and covers twenty-two miles, starting at the town of Ligonier. Mr. Stom is stockholder and secretary of the Ligonier American Publishing Company, a new journalistic enterprise of the town.

JACOB R. ZUCK, a leading book dealer and stationer of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born at Mount Pleasant, December 25, 1843, son of Samuel and Susan (Keister) Zuck. He is of German descent. His paternal grandfather, David Zuck, was of German parentage, and was born in eastern Pennsylvania, near the close of the eighteenth century. He removed to Somerset county and there married Esther Miller, and their children were: John, Jacob, David, Samuel, mentioned hereafter, and Justice.

Samuel Zuck, father of Jacob R. Zuck, was born March 10, 1821, and reared in Westmoreland county. He learned the trade of harness and saddle making and was engaged in that occupation for about a quarter of a century. He later learned the trade of butcher, which he followed for a few years previous to his retirement from active life. He married Susan Keister, daughter of Conrad Keister, whose ancestors were among the earliest settlers of Westmoreland county. Mr. and Mrs. Zuck had children: Charles Sumner, died in early childhood; Rev. W. F. J., a minister of the United Brethren church at Annville, Pennsylvania; Laurence K., a butcher of Mount Pleasant; and Jacob R., mentioned hereafter. Mrs. Samuel Zuck died April, 1900, and Samuel Zuck passed away December 3, 1904, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, after a useful and well-spent life.

Jacob R. Zuck acquired his early educational training in the common schools of Mount Pleasant and subsequently attended Mount Pleasant College. In early life he commenced working in the harness makers' trade, continuing in this business for three years. He enlisted in Company B, Twenty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, known as Garyes regiment, October 5,

1861. He served in the Army of Northern Virginia, was later transferred to the Army of the Potomac, and was severely wounded in the battle of Antietam. He was honorably discharged in January, 1863, on account of disability. From 1862 to 1878 he was engaged as clerk in a general merchandise business. In 1879 he entered into the book and stationery business and has since been engaged in that line of business, in which he has met with the greatest success. Mr. Zuck received the appointment of postmaster by President McKinley, October 1, 1897, and was reappointed by President Roosevelt in January, 1902. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. He held the office of school director in his town for sixteen years, and was a member of the council of his borough for two terms. He is a member of the Robert Worden Post, No. 163, G. A. R., and was its commander in 1888; R. A., No. 592; Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 198; and A. O. U. W. In religious matters Mr. Zuck is a member of the United Brethren church, and is a member of the board of trustees. Mr. Zuck married, May 1, 1867, Emma Smitley, daughter of John and Sarah Smitley. They have two children: Edwin E., March 8, 1871, engaged in the printing business in Mount Pleasant; and Ora D., born July 29, 1875, in the postoffice with his father.

DAYTON O. LEMMON, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was there born January 20, 1847, the son of James and Sarah (Sandles) Lemmon, and grandson of James Lemmon, who emigrated to this country from Ireland. James Lemmon, father of Dayton O. Lemmon, was born and reared in Mount Pleasant township. He engaged in farming and stock-raising and dealing all his life. He was an industrious and prosperous farmer, and an excellent citizen. He held the office of constable for many years, and was a member of the Presbyterian church, known as the Middle church. He married Sarah Sandles, and their children were Rhoda, the widow of James Irwin; Vananburg A., deceased; Carlisle S., a hardware merchant of Braddock, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased, married Benjamin Miller; George W., a constable of Hazleton, Pa.; Dayton O., of whom later; and Allie, married James Nihn.

Dayton O. Lemmon acquired his education in the common schools of Westmoreland county, and assisted his father with the farm work until he was about twenty years of age. He then learned the trades of stone mason and bricklaying, and was for some years engaged in the Coke works, building ovens. He established himself in the livery business in Mount Pleasant in 1882, and is still engaged in that occupation, being one of the oldest and most prosperous liverymen in the county. His political belief accords with the doctrines of the Republican party, and he is deeply interested in the welfare of that organization. He is also interested in educational affairs, and was for four years school director of his town, and has held many minor offices. He is a member of the I. O. H., and in religious affairs is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Lemmon married Almira Tedrow, daughter of John and Phoebe Tedrow, formerly of Somerset county. Their children were: O. Gertrude; Maybel, who at the age of four years met her death accidentally by fire; Raymond, born August 30, 1894; and Helen and Ruth, (twins), born June 22, 1901.

DAVID G. ANDREWS, for six years prior to his death the proprietor of the Andrews House, a well-known hostelry, was born on the old homestead farm in Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Au-

gust 10, 1846, son of William and Hannah (Hunter) Andrews, whose family consisted of five children: Anna J., David G., Elizabeth, married Francis Leasure, of Greensburg; Frank W., of Irwin; and Albert A., a farmer, who resides on the old homestead. William Andrews, father of these children, was born and reared in Westmoreland county, and followed farming in Mount Pleasant township throughout the active years of his life. He was an active member of the United Presbyterian church, in which body he served as elder for a number of years.

David G. Andrews acquired a thorough and practical education in the Mount Pleasant Institute, from which he was graduated. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and continued the same until 1886, when his health failed and he was forced to abandon that arduous occupation. He changed his place of abode to the village of Mount Pleasant, and the following four years acted as a messenger between Pittsburg and Mount Pleasant. He then established the hotel known as the Andrews House, which he conducted successfully for six years, and of which he was the proprietor at the time of his decease, February 18, 1901. He was genial and courteous, considerate of the wishes of his patrons, and commanded the respect of all with whom he was brought in contact. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church, a member of the Order of United Workmen, Royal Arcanum, and Heptasophs. Mr. Andrews married Anna J. Kilgore, daughter of William and Anna (Fisher) Kilgore, and granddaughter of Daniel Kilgore, a farmer, whose people were among the original settlers of Westmoreland county. Their children were: 1. Eva May, born May 16, 1878; she graduated from the Mount Pleasant high school in 1893, Mount Pleasant Institute, 1896, and from the vocal department of the same in 1903. She is a violinist of note, having pursued her studies under H. F. Dunsbaugh, and in the University School of Morgantown, West Virginia, and she received instruction in vocal music for a number of years from Frank Milton Hunter, of Pittsburg. She is now teaching, giving instruction on the piano, violin, also vocal music. 2. William Pattison, born May 17, 1883; he graduated from Mount Pleasant Institute, class of June, 1904, and is now pursuing a general course in Leech's Business College, Greensburg. He is a noted performer on the flute. 3. Nettie Viola, born February 14, 1886, died October 23, 1886.

**SAMUEL WARDEN.** The branch of the Warden family of which Samuel Warden was a worthy representative, traces its ancestry to Samuel Warden, who was born in the north of Ireland in 1745, and when about twenty years of age emigrated to America, settling in York county, Pennsylvania, from whence after a short period of time he came to what is now East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county. He took up a tract of three hundred and seventy acres of land near the site of Mount Pleasant, which he cultivated and improved to a high state of perfection. He was one of the founders of the old Middle Presbyterian church, which was organized in 1776, and also served in the capacity of elder and trustee. He married, in 1776, Mary Clark, of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. Their children were: Robert, born July 8, 1777, removed to Ohio; Isabella, born December 17, 1778, died young; John, born October 2, 1780, went to Ohio; Martha, born October 14, 1782, married John Latta; Paul, born November 25, 1784; and Samuel, Jr., born October 18, 1786, died in 1824. The father of these children died January 8, 1815, aged seventy years, and the mother died February 4, 1836, in the ninety-fourth year of her age.

Paul Warden, third son of Samuel and Mary (Clark) Warden, was born November 25, 1784, on the old homestead farm located about one mile from Mount Pleasant. He devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, and being a man of practical and progressive ideas, succeeded in all his undertakings and eventually became the owner of several farms in North and South Huntingdon townships. In partnership with W. B. Hayes, of Pittsburg, he sank the first shaft for coal west of the Allegheny mountains, at Shafton. He was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church of Mount Pleasant, which he joined about the year 1800. He married, August 23, 1821, Mary Fleming, of Mount Pleasant, and their children were: Samuel, born August 8, 1822; William, born November 23, 1823, died July 5, 1844; Robert, born August 21, 1825, served as major of the Twenty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died in the hospital at Winchester, Virginia, July 4, 1862; James, born August 1, 1827; John, born August 8, 1829, died at Summitville, Pa., in September, 1853; Clarke F.; and Eleanor, died August 11, 1844, at the age of eleven years. Paul Warden, father of these children, died in June, 1855.

Samuel Warden, eldest son of Paul and Mary (Fleming) Warden, was born on the old homestead August 8, 1822. He followed farming for a livelihood for a number of years, later was one of the pioneer coal operators at Irwin, and for a number of years was engaged in the coal business at Alberton. He was a prominent and useful man in the community, was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Irwin, and for years was a director in the First National Bank of Mount Pleasant. For one year, 1899-90, he served as chief burgess of Mount Pleasant, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. For about forty-five years he served as elder of the United Presbyterian church of Mount Pleasant, and for the long period of fifty-seven years never was absent from his place on Communion Sunday. Mr. Warden married, March 6, 1845, Margaret Andrews, a daughter of John and Margaret (Neil) Andrews, and their children were: Mary Eleanor, deceased; John Andrews, a resident of Mount Pleasant; Elizabeth M., unmarried; Clark P., deceased; Martha, unmarried; a child who died in infancy; Samuel Neil, and Alice, unmarried.

MORRIS RAMSAY, whose death occurred in Dr. Sutton's private hospital at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1892, was a native of Dumfermline, Scotland, born June 4, 1848, the third son in the family of William and Elizabeth (Sharp) Ramsay, both natives of Scotland, and possessing in a large degree the excellent characteristics of that country. William Ramsay and his wife and family first came to the United States in 1852, but after a residence of four years here they returned to their native land. In 1863, however, they emigrated a second time to this country and settled at Larrimer, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Their deaths occurred April 16, 1885, and August 13, 1889, respectively, and their remains were interred in Irwin cemetery, Westmoreland county.

Morris Ramsay, after completing a common school education, began learning the trade of machinist at Dumfermline, his birthplace, and completed the same at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in which city his parents located upon their arrival in this country in 1852. From 1864 to 1869 he worked in the mines of the Westmoreland Coal Company, and in the latter year was appointed mining boss at the Shafton coal mines, in which capacity he served for ten years. He then removed to Houtzdale, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, and was superintendent of the Kittanning Coal Company's mines for two years. In 1882 he became superintendent of mines at Morewood; he was transferred

two years later to the position of mining engineer for the Frick Coke Company, his services in this capacity being of great value to his employers. In 1886 he was made superintendent by the above company of their coke plants at Morewood, Warden, Dillinger, Alice and Tarr's. The ovens at these works numbered 1151, of the eight thousand owned or operated by the Southwest Coal and Coke Company. These extensive mines and works were operated upon an intelligent and practical basis, and every improvement that engineering talent and long practiced experience could devise has been introduced by this company. Among the works of Mr. Ramsay's engineering in the Connellsville coke region are: The Rist tipple, the air shaft at Morewood, the Trotter plant and the new Henry Clay coke works near Broad Ford, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Ramsay was a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 69, A. O. U. W. He was a member of the Presbyterian church of Mount Pleasant, and one of the honorable, representative citizens of that borough, whom to know was to admire.

Mr. Ramsay married, March 15, 1870, Sadie Greer, a native of Larrimer, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of George A. Greer. Their children were as follows: William, born 1870, became general superintendent of the coal and coke works at Tinicum after his father's death. Sadie M., born March 16, 1873, widow of James H. Eaton, of Brownsville, Pennsylvania. Lizzie S., born August 14, 1874, died February 5, 1904; she was the wife of Emmor Saunders. Hannah G., born June 17, 1876, wife of John L. Shields. George M., born March 25, 1878, a resident of Oliver, Pennsylvania, employed by the coke company of that place. An infant, born January 29, 1880, died in infancy. Mary C., born April 13, 1881, wife of Harry M. Stahl, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Jeanet R., born September 30, 1882, died at the age of nine years. Robert A., born September 16, 1884, a resident of Tennessee, a civil engineer. Alice I., born March 13, 1886, resides at home with her mother. Nellie, born October 4, 1887, died at the age of four years. Infant, born January 3, 1890, died in infancy. Adelaide Frick, born February 3, 1892. She is one of the sweet singers of the land, and is gradually gaining an enviable reputation as a skillful and accomplished musician. Mrs. Sadie M. Ramsay, widow of Morris Ramsay, resides in a comfortable home in Mount Pleasant, is highly esteemed in the community, and enjoys the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends.

**JAMES HARKINS.** One of the prominent residents of Westmoreland county and a worthy representative of the same, is James Harkins. He was born in Blairsville, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, September 6, 1863, a son of Peter and Mary (Mortan) Harkins. His father was a native of county Cork, Ireland, who emigrated to this country during young manhood and found employment on the West Pennsylvania Railroad. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company D, Two Hundredth and Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, from Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Mortan, a direct descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They were members of the Catholic and Methodist churches, respectively. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harkins: Margaret, wife of W. H. Smith, deceased, of Altoona, Pennsylvania; John, a farmer of Indiana, Pennsylvania; Frederick, a railroad employee of Kansas City, Missouri; Charlotte, widow of Dr. L. S. Goodman, who was engaged in the drug business in Mount Pleasant for some fifteen years. Mrs. Goodman is one of the resident physicians of the Harrisburg Insane Asylum, a graduate of the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia. James, mentioned hereafter.

Peter Harkins, the father of these children, died in 1865 from disease contracted in the Civil war. His widow survived him four years, passing away in 1869.

James Harkins, third and youngest son of Peter and Mary Harkins, remained in Indiana county until he was six years old, and the succeeding six years he spent in the Orphans' School in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. He attended school in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, for four years, and at the age of sixteen removed to Mount Pleasant, and there found employment in the drug store of Goodman & Heath, with which firm he remained until 1883. In that year his brother-in-law, Mr. Goodman, died, and Mr. Harkins assumed charge of the establishment for his sister, Dr. Goodman. He conducted the store for ten years, and then bought out the business, which he carried on until 1902. In 1882 Mr. Harkins had taken up the study of medicine, graduating from the Cincinnati (Ohio) Eclectic College. He followed the profession of medicine for two years, then turned his entire attention to the drug business. In 1902 he sold out the drug business and engaged in the manufacture of roofing slate at Bangor, Pennsylvania, being associated in business with James K. Husband, and conducting the business under the firm name of Husband & Company. They have an extensive plant and give employment to some eighty people. They also manufacture blackboards.

Mr. Harkins is a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and February 4, 1888, he enlisted as private in Company E, and at once began to take a deep and lasting interest in the organization. In 1889 he was commissioned second lieutenant, and 1893 first lieutenant. He accompanied the regiment to the Philippines during the Spanish-American war, serving for sixteen months as first lieutenant, July 31, 1898, the company had a brush with the Spaniards. They endured the trials and hardships incident to a life in that country with great fortitude, and returned to Pennsylvania in 1900, when Mr. Harkins was commissioned battalion adjutant with rank of first lieutenant of Colonel James E. Bartlett's staff, and is the senior officer with the rank of first lieutenant in the state. Mr. Harkins has participated in four presidential inaugurations, and is a member of the Sons of Veterans, in which he ranks as major. In politics Mr. Harkins is a strong Republican and takes an active interest in the affairs of that organization. He has been elected to many local offices, and is at present a member of the council of the Second ward. He has served as member of the school board for three years. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, No. 868, Mount Pleasant Lodge, and is one of the charter members of thirty who formed the original membership, all of whom were already Elks. This is the only lodge in existence that has that record.

October 2, 1890, Mr. Harkins was united in marriage to Grace Husband, daughter of James K. Husband, of Mount Pleasant. They have a family of two sons, Lewis T., and James, Junior.

J. A. TAYLOR, son of Thomas and Annie (Clarkson) Taylor, was born July 28, 1875, in Yorkshire, England. He was reared and educated in his native land. At the age of twelve he began an apprenticeship in a grocery at Castleford, England, and at the age of nineteen was manager of an establishment of considerable magnitude. He came to America in 1899 and settled in Scottdale, Pennsylvania. He entered the establishment of C. M. Jarrett as a clerk and held that position for three years. He then went into business for himself, first as successor to Mr. Scott, later a successor to Mr. Carter, beginning

in a modest way. The business has grown so that at the present time he is one of the leading business men of the borough. He keeps a full line of staple and fancy groceries, making a special feature of teas, of which he keeps the highest qualities. As a dealer in fresh vegetables he is easily the foremost trader in that vicinity, and conducts a thoroughly up-to-date business in general, his personal experience in all branches of the trade making him a highly practical and reliable grocer. Politically he is Independent, with the best interests of the community ever at heart. He is a member of A. I. O. K. M., Orpad Commandery of Scottdale, the Eagles and the Americus Brotherhood. Mr. Taylor married, in September, 1899, Florence Newton, a native of Birmingham, England. They have one child, Ralph Taylor. They are members of the Episcopal church.

JOHN T. TARR, of Mount Pleasant, where he is now leading a retired life, enjoying to the full the ease and comfort which is the fitting sequel to a life of usefulness and activity, is a representative of one of the old and well known families of southern Westmoreland county. Gasper Tarr, father of John T. Tarr, was born and reared near what is now known as Tarr Station, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He followed the occupation of farming, which proved highly remunerative, and he was considered one of the wealthy men of his day. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a Republican in politics. He married Annie Taylor, who bore him children: Nancy, wife of John Reese; Anna, who became the wife of Henry Tinsman, and after his death of Daniel Frick; Martha, wife of Joseph Teeters; Mary M., wife of Michael Fry; Casper, a retired farmer of New Stanton; John T., mentioned hereafter; and Ellen, wife of George Hockey.

John T. Tarr was born at Tarr Station, East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1837. He was educated in the common schools, and for a number of years thereafter was employed in the coal mines at Tarr Station. Later he became a resident of Bullskin township, Fayette county, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and seventeen acres of land, whereon he conducted operations for about fifteen years. In November, 1900, he retired from active pursuits, having accumulated a sufficient competence for the remainder of his days, and changed his place of abode to Mount Pleasant. He is a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mount Pleasant. At the present time (1905) he is serving as councilman of Mount Pleasant, having been elected to that office on the Republican ticket. In 1863 he enlisted in Company K, Two Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, participated in several battles and was honorably discharged at the termination of hostilities between the north and south. Mr. Tarr married Rose Bashium, daughter of Nicholas Bashium, a native of France, and their children were: 1. Austin T., born April 28, 1861, engaged in an extensive butchering business in Mount Pleasant township; he married Rhoda Lemmon, and they had nine children: Minnie, Oma, Bessie, Van Amberg, Morris, William, Clifford, Orphus, Margaret. 2. Joseph A., a butcher of Latrobe. 3. Sarah A., died in infancy. Mrs. Tarr, mother of these children, died in 1864. For his second wife Mr. Tarr married Mary M. Hodgkins, daughter of Abram and Mary (Jones) Hodgkins, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Their children were: Bertha J., wife of A. O. Olsen, of Mount Pleasant. Paoli A., who was a graduate of Ann Arbor Law School, was admitted to the bar of West Virginia, in 1902, and three months later died of typhoid fever. Anna Laura, who became the wife of Dr. L. H. Eshelman, of Marion, Indiana; she died just ten weeks previous to the death of her brother, Paoli A., leaving two children: Harvey Davis, and Orvilla Jennings Eshelman.

JACOB A. BOLTZ, who in 1901 retired from his business interests and is now leading a quiet life at his home in Mount Pleasant, is a citizen of whom his native township and county may be justly proud, as he has always been honorable in business, prompt in action, intelligent in his views and exemplary in his life. He was born in Mount Pleasant, September 23, 1845, a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Shalenberger) Boltz.

John H. Boltz (father) was born and reared in Berks county, Pennsylvania. In early life he learned the trade of cabinet-maker. He possessed a large amount of mechanical genius and skill, and this he turned to good account as a machinist, which line of business he conducted for some years in Canton, Ohio. He also followed this trade in the city of Philadelphia, from whence he removed to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in making clock cases. From there he moved to Mount Pleasant, and shortly afterward purchased the plant of Daniel Shellenberger, a gunsmith, and commenced the manufacture of machinery. He manufactured one of the first threshing machines that was ever built in the county, and eventually built up an extensive manufacturing business, the product of his plant being threshing machines, reapers, and all kinds of machinery. He took an active interest in local affairs, and was nominated by his fellow citizens to several offices of trust. He served as justice of the peace in Mount Pleasant for a number of years, was chief burgess of the town for several years, and a member of the school board. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Elizabeth Shellenberger, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who bore him two children: J. A., and Lydia D., wife of William Heffinger. Mr. Boltz died in 1889.

J. A. Boltz attended the common schools adjacent to his home, and later pursued advanced studies at Mount Pleasant Institute, from which institution he was graduated. He then learned the trade of moulder, and in 1863 entered into partnership with his father in the foundry in Mount Pleasant, and this connection continued under the firm name of J. H. Boltz & Son until the death of the father in 1889. Mr. Boltz continued the business alone up to 1901, since which time he has led a retired life. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and exercises a potent influence in behalf of the party whose principles he advocates. He was a member of the state central committee for one term, chief burgess of Mount Pleasant for two terms, and served one term on the borough council. He is a member of the K. P., in which order he passed all chairs, and the I. O. R. M., of Mount Pleasant. He organized the N. O. A. M., of Mount Pleasant, which has since disbanded.

FRANCIS McCONAUGHY, M. D., deceased, who engaged in a general practice of medicine for many years in various counties of his native state, Pennsylvania, was a grandson of James McConaughy, who settled in Westmoreland county in the early part of the nineteenth century, coming thence from Lancaster county, but later located in Indiana county, where some of his descendants still reside.

The parents of Mr. McConaughy were John and Margaret (McCurdy) McConaughy. The former was born in Fulton county, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1783, but in later years removed to Westmoreland county, settling in Ligonier valley, where he followed farming very successfully. He was a member and elder of the Presbyterian church, a strong advocate of temperance, and a Whig and Republican in politics. His death occurred July 21, 1870. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret McCurdy, whom he married March 31, 1808, was a daughter of James McCurdy, of Westmore-



land county, and a relative of the Rev. Elisha McCurdy. Their children were: Jane, married Samuel Nesbit; James, member of the medical profession; Francis, of whom later; John, a minister of the Presbyterian church; Nancy and Isabella (twins), the former married Robert Brown, and the latter married William Coleman; Mary Ann, married John Bell; Robert, a physician; David, a physician, residing in Latrobe, married Anna Brown, daughter of James L. Brown, of Madison, Pa; Melinda, wife of Lloyd Shallenberger, of Clarion, Pa.; and Martha, married Judge Cummins.

Dr. Francis McConaughy was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1813. He graduated at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and for a short period thereafter practiced his profession in Mount Pleasant. He then moved to West Newton, where he practiced for about twelve years, from there moved to the state of Ohio, where he practiced in Ashland for a number of years. He returned to his native state in 1861, locating in Blairsville, Indiana county, and his practice extended throughout that town, Mount Washington and Ligonier. Eventually he returned to Mount Pleasant and continued his practice there until compelled to retire on account of the infirmities of old age. He thoroughly understood the cause of disease, and was thus able to forecast its course by its particular symptoms. He enjoyed a lucrative practice, which bore unmistakable evidence of his skill and ability. He married Sophia A. Lobingier, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Lobingier, granddaughter of John and Sophia (Myers) Lobingier, and a descendant of an old and honored family of Westmoreland county. John Lobingier (grandfather) was born about the year 1770 in Westmoreland county, being the third generation of the family in that county. He followed farming and milling for many years, and a number of years prior to his death changed his place of abode to Mount Pleasant. He was one of the associate judges of Westmoreland county. He married Sophia Myers, and their children were: Elizabeth, married Mr. McConnell; Mary, married Jasper Maricle; John; Jacob; Susan, died in childhood; Christopher; George; Hannah, married Sheppard Maricle; Sophia, married a Mr. Young; Catherine, married Rev. James Darsey, a minister of the Disciple Church. John Lobingier (father) was born in Mount Pleasant. He followed farming throughout the active years of his life, was an active member of the community, and was prominently identified with the Presbyterian church. He married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Jacob and Mary Smith, and their children were: Sophia A., widow of Dr. Francis McConaughy, who died December 18, 1893; Jacob S., a farmer of Mount Pleasant township; Mary Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Freed; Levinia Emily, unmarried; Eliza Catherine, wife of Paterson Griffin; John M., died in childhood; Anna M., unmarried; William H., deceased; and Josephine L., deceased, was the wife of George Griffin. John Lobingier, father of these children, died in 1885.

EUGENE A. KELLER. Probably no man in Scottdale is better qualified for the position which he is called upon to fill than is Eugene A. Keller. He was born October 14, 1868, in Tiffin, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools and at Heidelberg College, enjoying the further advantage of a course at Kennison's Business College, at Tiffin.

Mr. Keller came to Westmoreland county in March, 1890, and took a position as clerk in the store of the Union Supply Company at Moorewood. After remaining there about ten months he went to Chicago, taking a clerkship with the firm of Keller Brothers. At the end of a few months he re-

signed and then spent some time in traveling through the West and South. During this period he was connected with Chicago hotels and also with the Fred Harvey system of dining-car service, thus becoming thoroughly familiar with all branches and departments of the hotel business. He took charge of the Hill House, Scottdale, January 1, 1903, and has since had the building refurnished and supplied with steam heat as well as every other facility for comfort and convenience. It is centrally situated and is capable of accommodating a large number of guests. Mr. Keller is to-day the proprietor of one of the model hotels of the county. He is a good citizen as well as a genial host, and is ever ready and willing to assist when appealed to in behalf of the public welfare. He is a member of the B. P. O. E., Lodge No. 777, and of the F. O. E., Lodge No. 1007, both of Scottdale, being trustee of the latter organization. He is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic church of Scottdale.

DAVID GRIFFITH, one of Scottdale's most progressive and respected citizens, is a son of John Griffith, a native of Wales, who emigrated to the United States in 1848, and settled in western Pennsylvania, where for a time he worked in a puddling furnace for the William Everson Company, of Pittsburg. In 1853 he returned to his native land and there died in 1866.

David Griffith, son of John Griffith, mentioned above, was born in Wales, and in 1870 came to this country, making his home in Apollo, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. After working there for two years at puddling, he moved to Allegheny and there spent one year. He went to Scottdale in 1873, where he was one of the pioneers, there being then but three houses in the town, and he was one of the first puddlers who worked in the mill. He opened a mercantile business in Scottdale in 1885, which he conducted for six years. Since then he was withdrawn from the cares of commercial life, but is active in the discharge of all the duties of a public-spirited citizen. He has done much for the improvement of Scottdale, having built the entire block between Hickory and Grant streets on Pittsburg street. For two terms he served as a member of the council. He is a charter member of Lodge No. 443, K. of P. and since 1870 has belonged to the I. O. O. F., having passed all the chairs in both organizations. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Griffith married, in England, before coming to the United States, Mary Richards, but the marriage has been a childless one. Mr. Griffith is recognized by his fellow-citizens as a leader in every project having for its end the welfare of the community.

BENJAMIN F. OVERHOLT. Martin Oberholtzer, the ancestor of the Overholts of Westmoreland county, also of a numerous family in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, as well as of those of Stark and Tuscarawas counties, Ohio, was born thirty miles from Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, in the year 1709, and died in Bedminster township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, April 5, 1744. The date of his arrival in Pennsylvania has not been ascertained, but it was probably when he was quite a young man. Prior to his settlement in Bucks county he resided on the Skippack, in what is now Montgomery county, where he married, November 2, 1736, Agnes —, born April 18, 1713, died November 2, 1786. After the death of Mr. Oberholtzer she became the wife of William Nash, by whom she had four children. Mr. Oberholtzer and his wife were among the earliest members of the old Deep Run Mennonite congregation in Bedminster, and are buried in the graveyard there. Their children were:

1. Barbara, born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1737, died May 8, 1823. She was the wife of Christian Fretz, and has left numerous descendants in Bucks county and elsewhere. 2. Henry, mentioned hereafter. 3. Maria, born December 19, 1740. 4. John, born August 8, 1742, died December 7, 1742. 5. Martin, born in Bucks county, December 20, 1743; he married Esther Fretz, daughter of Christian Fretz, of Tinicum, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, who came from Baden, Germany, with his brother John about 1720, settled first in Upper Salford, Montgomery county, and removed to Bucks county about 1740. Their children were: Elizabeth, born in Bucks county, 1770, became the wife of the Rev. Abraham Welty, a Mennonite minister in Westmoreland county, and they removed later to Ohio. Agnes, born in Bucks county, 1773, died in Westmoreland county, June 14, 1845; she was the wife of Christian Stauffer, of Fayette county, born in Lancaster county, 1778, died in Fayette county, July 6, 1852. Issue, two sons and five daughters. Christian, born in Bucks county, August 1774, died in Harrison county, Ohio, 1846. He went from Bedminster township, Bucks county, to Westmoreland county, 1800, and from there to Harrison county, Ohio, 1818. He married Rebecca Grundy, born June 2, 1775, died in Stark county, Ohio, February 7, 1857; issue: Joseph, Martha, John, Esther, Fannie, Rebecca and Anna. Barbara, born in Bucks county, 1775, died in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, January 16, 1873. She married, in Westmoreland county, the Rev. Mathias Burchfield, who died in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, March 16, 1822. Henry, died unmarried. Mary, married, in Westmoreland county, Christian Noffzinger, issue, six children. Magdalena, born in Bucks county, married John Mumma, of Westmoreland county, removed to Ohio in 1809, and from there to Adams county, Indiana, in 1853. Martin, born in Bucks county, 1784, died in Westmoreland county, February 14, 1814. He married, October, 1806, and his children were: Jacob, Abraham, Esther, Martin. Isaac died in Westmoreland county, unmarried. Abraham, born in Bucks county, died in Tuscarawas county, Ohio. Married Susan Crites, issue: John, Catharine, Abraham, Elizabeth, Esther, Anna, Martin, Isaac, Jacob and Christian. Esther, died in Westmoreland county in early life. Sarah, born in Bucks county, April 17, 1791, died in Ohio, December 3, 1857. She married, January 9, 1816, Philip Welty, of Westmoreland county, and later moved to Stark county, Ohio. Joseph, born in Bucks county, June 19, 1793, died in Huntingdon, Indiana, February, 1873. He married, April 13, 1817, Barbara Kline, born Glades, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1797, died in Indiana, 1870. Issue: Abraham, Elizabeth, Jonas, Joseph, John, Jacob, Margaret, Mary and Isaac. Anna born in Westmoreland county, April 8, 1802, died January 15, 1839. She married, 1822, Gabriel Weimer, born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1801, removed to Ohio, 1815, and died in Wilmot, Stark county, February 12, 1876.

Henry Overholt, eldest son of Martin and Agnes Oberholtzer, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1739, died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, 1813. He married, January 3, 1763, Anna Beitler, born in Milford township, Bucks county, March 24, 1745, died April 5, 1835, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Meyer) Beitler or Beidler, the former a native of Germany and the pioneer of the Bucks county family of that name, and the latter a daughter of Hans Meyer, the pioneer settler in Upper Salford township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. Henry Overholt and wife resided on a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres near the Deep Run meeting house until April 25, 1800, when he conveyed the farm to Andrew Loux and

removed with his family to Westmoreland county, settling on a tract of wild land at West Overton, East Huntingdon township. The children of Henry and Anna (Beidler) Overholt were:

1. Agnes, born October 15, 1765, died June 15, 1830. She married Christian Fretz, of Bucks county, and removed to Westmoreland county.
2. Maria, born in Bucks county, December 22, 1766, became the wife of John Myers.
3. Jacob, born in Bucks county, October 15, 1768, died in Westmoreland county, May 10, 1847. He was a veterinary surgeon. He married Elizabeth Detweiler, born in Bucks county, March 8, 1775, died September 20, 1849, issue: John, Henry, Annie, Jacob, Susan and Martin.
4. Anna, born in Bucks county, November 25, 1770, died in Westmoreland county, March 15, 1845. She became the wife of Peter Loucks, born in Bucks county, December 19, 1760, emigrated to Fayette county, 1800, and later to Westmoreland county, where he died July 10, 1825. Their children were: Catharine, Henry, Jacob, Mary, Martin, Nancy, John, Peter and Sarah, all but the last three born in Bucks county.
5. Martin, born in Bucks county, November, 1772, died in Sangamon, now Logan county, Illinois, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1835. He married Catharine Overholt, daughter of Abraham Overholt, of Bucks county, born November 1, 1781, died in Westmoreland county, December 21, 1866. Issue: Susanna, Esther, Anne, Abraham, Henry, John and Martin.
6. Barbara, born in Bucks county, April, 1775, married Jacob Durstine, born in Bucks county, April 3, 1773, died in Westmoreland county. Issue: Anna, Abraham, John, Henry, Jacob, Martin, Catharine and Samuel.
7. Elizabeth, born in Bucks county, June 12, 1777, died in Fayette county, 1833. She married Martin Stauffer, born in Lancaster county, August 31, 1780, died in Fayette county, March 8, 1869. Issue: Abraham, Henry, Anna, Sarah and John.
8. Henry, born in Bucks county, July 10, 1779, removed with his parents to Westmoreland county in 1800. In 1809 returned to Bucks county to marry a Miss Myers, but before the day set for the wedding was kicked by a horse and died April 10, 1809.
9. Sarah, born February 18, 1781-82, died unmarried.
10. Abraham, born in Bucks county, April 19, 1784, died in West Overton, Westmoreland county, January 15, 1870. Married, April 20, 1809, Maria, daughter of the Rev. Abram and Ann Nicely Stauffer, born in Fayette county, July 13, 1791, died in West Overton, November, 1874. Abraham was a weaver, miller and distiller, and was the first man to discover and use coal in Westmoreland county.
11. Christian, born in Bucks county, July 18, 1786, died in Hancock, Ohio, January 11, 1868. Married, November, 1811, Elizabeth Stauffer, issue: Abraham, Sarah, Henry, Anna, Elizabeth and Christian. He was a farmer and distiller, and in 1858 left Westmoreland county with his son Abraham and removed to Fostoria, Seneca county, Ohio.
12. Susanna, born January 13, 1789, died unmarried.

Abraham Overholt, tenth child of Henry and Ann (Beidler) Overholt, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1784. In young manhood he learned the trade of weaver and followed this occupation until 1810, when he turned his attention to farming. In 1812 he purchased one hundred and fifty acres of the homestead farm, including a log distillery, for which he paid seventy-five hundred dollars. Later he erected a stone distillery and brick mill, and the former he replaced in 1859 with one of the finest distilleries in the state of Pennsylvania. His long business career was one of success and prosperity, which was in some part due to his straightforward dealings, untiring energy, patient perseverance and tenacity of purpose. He was actively interested in educational affairs, and was one of the early advocates of





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the present school system in Pennsylvania. In politics he was a strong Republican, and ever alive to the interests of his party. He married, April 20, 1809, Maria Stauffer, born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, July 13, 1791, daughter of the Rev. Abraham and Ann Nicely Stauffer. She bore him eight children, six sons and two daughters. The death of Abraham Overholt occurred January 15, 1870, in Westmoreland county, and in his demise the community lost one of its foremost and useful citizens. His genial and hospitable disposition won for him a large circle of friends, who sincerely mourned his loss. His wife died in West Overton, November, 1874.

Henry S. Overholt, eldest child of Abraham and Maria (Stauffer) Overholt, was born August 10, 1810. He was employed by his father as bookkeeper until 1844 when he was admitted to the firm. He was a straightforward business man, and achieved most gratifying success in his active career. He married, February 10, 1846, Abigail Carpenter, born March 13, 1824, daughter of B. F. and Mary (Sarver) Carpenter, of Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and a descendant of a Scotch-Irish ancestry. Their children were: Sarah A., wife of A. S. R. Overholt; Benjamin F., mentioned hereafter; Maria C., Abigail C., wife of Dr. J. R. Smith, of Cleveland, Ohio; Abram C., of Scottsdale, Pennsylvania; Henry C., of Cleveland, Ohio; Jennie C., wife of Nathaniel Miles. The death of Henry Overholt occurred June 18, 1870. His widow subsequently moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she resided several years. She then returned to Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, where she died August 28, 1898.

Benjamin F. Overholt obtained his intellectual training in the common schools of Westmoreland county, in Westerville University, Ohio, and the Mount Pleasant Institute of his native county. He later attended Bryant and Stratton's Business College, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with high honors. He engaged in the distillery business with his father, continuing until the death of the latter in 1870, and two years later he and A. S. R. Overholt, his brother-in-law, purchased the distillery, conducting it until 1873, when they disposed of the same. In the same year they engaged in the manufacture of coke, and five years later their sixty-two ovens were purchased by the firm of A. C. Overholt & Co., who added to the plant forty-eight additional ones. In 1875 Benjamin F. Overholt was made the general manager of the A. C. Overholt & Company's coke business, and since then he has acquitted the duties of this responsible position with the greatest efficiency and credit, and his conduct in the management of the concern has won much commendation from his superiors. In political relations Mr. Overholt affiliates with the Republican party, and is a member of Lodge No. 518, Order of Solon, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Overholt married July 16, 1884, Florence M. Osterhout, born at Glenwood, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1859, died September 27, 1900, daughter of William H. Osterhout, of Ridgway, Elk county, Pennsylvania. They had four children: William Henry, born April 9, 1886, died March 23, 1893; Helen Abigail, born August 26, 1890; Raymond Dean, born April 17, 1893; Mildred Jessamine, born February 10, 1896.

BLAIR FRANCIS CRISE, M. D. The family from which is descended Dr. Blair Francis Crise, of Ruffsedale, is one of the oldest in the county. The great-grandfather of Dr. Crise was a German, while his wife was of Irish birth. They came from Georgetown to Westmoreland county about 1750 or 1755, and settled in East Huntingdon township, where Mr. Crise became the possessor of a tract of land and followed the calling of a farmer. He was evi-

dently a member of the Lutheran church. He and his wife were the parents of two sons: Andrew, who was a successful agriculturist; and George, mentioned hereafter. Thus Mr. Crise at his death left behind him those who were able to carry on the work which he had begun, and to lay foundations for the prosperity of their descendants.

George Crise, son of the pioneer ancestor mentioned above, was a successful farmer of East Huntingdon township, and in connection with his brother Andrew owned a considerable tract of land which they redeemed from the wilderness, erecting log cabins in which they made their homes. George Crise married Mary Wallace, a native of Westmoreland county and a member of the Lutheran church, and their children were: 1. William, of whom later. 2. George, who was a farmer, realizing large profits on his butter, and becoming so wealthy that he was able to move to Beach City, Ohio. He served in the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting from his home county of Westmoreland. He married Rachael Stoughton, and after her death a Miss Stoughton, cousin of his first wife, now his widow and a resident of Greensburg. 3. Margaret, married Joseph Hough, of Westmoreland county, where she and her husband passed their lives. 4. Mary, married John Hough, of this county. 5. Another daughter who married Joseph Snyder, and soon after died. 6. Martha, who became the second wife of Joseph Snyder, mentioned above, with whom she emigrated to Missouri.

William Crise, son of George and Mary (Wallace) Crise, was born September 26, 1818, and spent his life in East and South Huntingdon townships. He owned and cultivated a farm, in addition to which he followed the trade of carpenter, and carried on a contracting and building business, erecting the houses of many members of the Westmoreland county branch of the family. He took a deep interest in county affairs and filled many of the local offices, among them that of assessor. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Crise married Sallie, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Smith) Hough, and their children were: 1. Marion, a carpenter at Regantown, married Harriet Weaver. 2. George, unmarried, lives at Maitland, South Dakota, where he is a prominent land-owner and the possessor of gold mines. 3. David, who was a carpenter at Jacob's Creek, Westmoreland county, married Maria Burch, and after her death Sarah J. Coon, who bore him two children. David Crise was drowned in the Youghiogheny river, in February, 1905. 4. James, died at the age of eighteen. 5. William, a farmer of South Huntingdon township. 6. Blair Francis, mentioned hereafter. 7. Daniel, a farmer of Clarion county, Pennsylvania, married Etta Clark, and has five children. 8. Milton, a farmer and teacher of South Huntingdon township. 9 and 10. Two daughters who died in childhood. Mr. Crise, the father, died January 11, 1896, and his wife, who was born May 17, 1824, passed away in 1900.

Blair Francis Crise, son of William and Sarah (Hough) Crise, was born December 17, 1854, and received his preparatory education in the public schools, afterward attending Mount Union College, and the Southwest State Normal school at California, Pennsylvania. In 1875 he began to teach in South Huntingdon township and continued to do so for six years. During this time he took up the study of medicine with Dr. Lewis Sutton, of Mendon, and in 1881 entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating April 2, 1883, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For four years thereafter he practiced his profession at Smithtown, South Huntingdon township, and then moved to Madison where he remained three years. At the end of that time he took up his abode in Mendon, succeeding to the practice of his old preceptor,



and has since continued to make his home in that village. In 1891 he built for himself a modern house, the foundation being of stone taken from the malt house owned by his grandfather Hough which was erected in 1829. Dr. Crise takes an active interest in public affairs and has served on the board of education. During that time his influence was constantly exerted to raise the standard of education in his township. He is medical examiner for several insurance companies and for the Consolidated fraternity. August 1, 1903, he became a member of the I. O. K. M. and of Omar, No. 330, of Dawson. He subsequently withdrew from them and organized Beacon Commandery No. 350, of Ruffsedale, September 21, 1904, of which he is past commander. May 8, 1905, he was a delegate to the Grand Commandery to represent this organization. He is a member of the Church of God. Dr. Crise married, July 1, 1886, Maggie, born in South Huntingdon township, daughter of Michael and Isabella (Smull) Hewitt. They have no children. Dr. Crise, while making his home at Mendon, has his office at Ruffsedale.

**HENRY D. JARRETT.** In the ranks of the old-established and influential business men of Scottdale Henry D. Jarrett holds a prominent position. He is the grandson of John M. Jarrett, who was born in 1780, in Ohio. There is a tradition in the family to the effect that Mr. Jarrett early in life shot an Indian, and that in consequence he left his native state and went to West Virginia, where he worked as millwright, erecting most of the mills in that section of the state and also in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He married Lourenia Baker, and they had children: William, John M., George, Andrew, Thomas, mentioned hereafter; Henry, Sarah, deceased; Betsey, deceased; Ellen, who became the wife of George Ridgeway; and Nancy. The death of Mr. Jarrett, the father of the family, occurred in 1840.

Thomas Jarrett, son of John M. and Lourenia (Baker) Jarrett, was born July, 1824, in Morgantown, West Virginia, and was a nailer by trade. For some years he was superintendent of the Laurel iron works, in West Virginia, belonging to Chess Smith & Company, but has now, at his advanced age, withdrawn from the cares of business, and resides in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, living a retired life. He married Ellen McShane, and their children were: Mary, wife of John Jones; Emma, married Charles Janewine; Judd E., married Sindie, daughter of Lawson and Sarah Conaway; Henry D., mentioned hereafter; Fannie, wife of Joseph Rist; John M.; Maggie, deceased; Cornelius M.; Lonerina, wife of Edwin Lynch; Walter C.; Oliver M.; and Abner C.

Henry D. Jarrett, son of Thomas and Ellen (McShane) Jarrett, was born June 4, 1853, in Monongahela county, West Virginia, and was educated in the common schools. Until attaining his majority he worked on the farm, and in 1874 moved to Fayette county, where he remained until 1880. In that year he went to Scottdale and established himself in the retail coal business, which he has successfully carried on for the last twenty-five years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Jarrett married Elizabeth, daughter of Frederick and Sarah Eberhart, and their children were: Frederick T., born September 8, 1881, employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; William, born October 29, 1883, died October 3, 1892; and Ray and Ralph (twins), born March 24, 1886; Ray died in infancy, and Ralph is still living, and employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

**GEORGE W. SMITH.** One of Westmoreland county's old families finds in George W. Smith, of Mount Pleasant, a worthy representative. Mr.

Smith is a grandson of Joseph Smith, who settled in Derry township on a tract of one hundred and thirty-six acres of land which he cleared and on which he erected good buildings. He was widely and favorably known as a good citizen, taking an active part in politics and earnestly interested in church matters. He married Christina Speilman, who, like himself, was of German descent, and thirteen children were born to them: John, a shoemaker in Derry township; Catharine, died in infancy; Jacob, a carpenter in Derry township; Mary, married Henry Bussard; Susan, married George Rupert; Elizabeth, married a Mr. Brinnell; Joseph, a tinner, emigrated to Ohio, where he died; Katie, married Henry Auckeman; Ephraim, born October 8, 1817, resides near Pleasant Unity, being the sole survivor of the family with the exception of his brother William H.; Elizabeth (2), married Seth Baughman after whose death she married again and moved to Indiana; James, a miller at Beaver Falls, Pa.; Andrew, a laborer and fence builder of Unity township; and William H., of whom later. Mr. Smith, the father of the family, died on his farm in 1829, being then sixty-four years of age.

William H. Smith, son of Joseph and Christina (Speilman) Smith, was born October 28, 1825, in Derry township, and at the age of sixteen went to Lirippelas, Unity township, to learn the blacksmith's trade. In the spring of 1844 he went to Mount Pleasant with his employer, Matthew McMillan, for whom he worked eight months after finishing his apprenticeship. He and his nephew, Joseph Smith, then purchased the business which they conducted together for about a year. The latter then went to the Mexican war, and in consequence Mr. Smith sold the business and for eighteen months thereafter worked as a journeyman for a Mr. Smith. He then bought out his employer and on the same site carried on the work of a general blacksmith until 1885. He established himself in the hardware business under the firm name of Smith and Company in 1876, the management of the enterprise being entrusted to Mr. Rumbaugh, the partner, Mr. Smith's attention being given to his trade. He sold the smithy in 1885, and from that time attended personally to the hardware business. In 1889, on the death of Mr. Rumbaugh, his interest was purchased by Mr. Smith's son, William F. Smith, and the firm became W. H. Smith and Son. Their establishment is the largest of the kind in Mount Pleasant, and the business has attained to very extensive proportions. About 1870 Mr. Smith laid out a small addition to the town, known as Smith's addition, through which Smithfield street runs, and which consists of eight building lots with a plot of about one acre additional. He was for two terms burgess of Mount Pleasant, and served as a member of the council for nine years. He is a member of long standing in the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church to which he is earnestly devoted. He married, August, 1848, Sarah, born in Bradford, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph Gibbs, and their children were: George W., of whom later; Annie E.; Norman; Catharine, wife of S. C. Stevenson, of Mount Pleasant; Charles K., died at the age of twenty-five; William F., junior member of the firm of W. H. Smith and Son; Oma and Pearl (twins); the former is deceased and the latter is the wife of Dr. M. W. Homer, of Mount Pleasant. Mrs. Smith, the mother of these children, died in 1898 at the age of seventy-two.

George W. Smith, son of William H. and Sarah (Gibbs) Smith, was born April 26, 1848, in Mount Pleasant, where he received his education in the common schools. In early life he learned the blacksmith's trade with Welinger Brothers, at Economy, Pennsylvania, remaining with them three years. He then returned to Mount Pleasant and for eighteen months worked for his

father, after which he went to northwestern Missouri, where for about five years he was engaged in business for himself. At the end of that time he again returned to Mount Pleasant, and for eight years was in partnership with his father. He purchased, in 1892, the old plant which for about forty years had been operated by his father, and in partnership with his son Herbert has continued the business down to the present time. He is a member of the N. P. L., Lodge No. 6, of Mount Pleasant. Mr. Smith married Satora, daughter of James and Christina Simpson, and they are the parents of two sons: William S., a moulder at Denver, Colorado; and Herbert N., is in partnership with his father.

**ERASTUS K. SHERRICK.** Among those respected citizens of Scottdale whose names now belong to the past must be numbered Erastus K. Sherrick. He was a grandson of Abraham Sherrick, who was born and reared in East Huntingdon township, where he engaged in farming. He was a member of the Church of God at Mount Pleasant. His wife was a Miss Overholt, and their children were: Jacob O., mentioned hereafter; Reuben, Martin, Abram H., Mary, married Albert Stevenson; Susanna, married Jacob Stoner; and Anna, wife of Abram Walters.

Jacob O. Sherrick, son of Abraham Sherrick, was born on the old homestead near Mount Pleasant, and for years was engaged in business as a distiller. He married Mary Steck, and they had children: Sampson, William, Albert, Erastus K., mentioned hereafter; Malissa, wife of Dallas Bingham; Annabella, married W. A. Loucks; Laura, wife of John Chamberlain; and Julia, married C. R. Ryan.

Erastus K. Sherrick, son of Jacob O. and Mary (Steck) Sherrick, was born April 16, 1856, on the homestead, and as he reached maturity became one of the active business men of the township. He belonged to the I. O. O. F. and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Sherrick married Mary Etta, daughter of H. W. and Susanna (Gross) Beeson, and they had children: 1. Jacob O., born December 18, 1877, was educated in the common schools and at the Ohio University, and for about five years was engaged in teaching. He is now connected with the H. C. Frick Company. He married Gertrude Harvey, of Hardin county, Ohio. 2. Daisy Estella, born November 2, 1879. 3. Mary E., born August 11, 1881, a graduate of the Scottdale high school and the State Normal school, and is now a teacher at Scottdale. 4. Martha D., born October 2, 1884, graduated from the Scottdale high school, and is now a teacher in East Huntingdon township. 5. E. Ralph, born January 17, 1895. Two of this family died in childhood. The death of Mr. Sherrick occurred October 15, 1899. He was in the prime of life, being but forty-three years of age, and it was felt that his family, his friends and the community at large had alike sustained a great loss and that a place was left vacant which could not easily be filled.

**JACOB DEWALT.** A name thoroughly identified with the coal interests of Westmoreland county is that of Jacob Dewalt, of Scottdale. He is a grandson of Jacob Dewalt, who was born and reared in Westmoreland county, and all his life followed the calling of a salt-boiler. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife was Elizabeth Kiehl, and they had children: Michael, John, Peter, Jacob, mentioned hereafter; William, Henry, Thomas, Amy, married Daniel Kiehl; Diana, married Henry Kiehl; Susanna married Samuel Hoy; and Margaret, married John Morrison.

Jacob Dewalt, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kiehl) Dewalt, was born in Westmoreland county, and in early life was a salt-boiler. During his latter years he was a farmer. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Kiehl, of Adamsburg, Pennsylvania, and their children were: Michael, married Elizabeth Shoof, and is now deceased; Eliza Jane, married Allis Ball, and is also deceased; John, married Diana Mains; Sarah Ann, married John Robison, and is deceased as is also her husband; Catherine, married William Elrod; Susanna, married Daniel Shaner, both she and her husband being now deceased; Margaret E., widow of James Simeral; William, married Mollie Sims; Elizabeth, died young; Jacob, mentioned hereafter; James, married Susan Sims; Thomas, married Caroline Gailey; and Anna, married Nora Pollard. Mr. Dewalt, the father of these children, died in 1852.

Jacob Dewalt, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kiehl) Dewalt, was born July 26, 1840, in Westmoreland county, where he was educated in the common schools and worked on the farm until reaching the age of fourteen. He then entered the coal mines, where he was gradually advanced, finally attaining to the position of superintendent of mines for the Pittsburg Coal Company at Glen Shaw, Allegheny county. He filled this position for about six years, when he resigned, and for the last two or three years has held himself aloof from the cares of business. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Plainly as Mr. Dewalt has demonstrated himself to be a successful business man, he has proven by his actions that he is no less a patriotic citizen. He enlisted in Company F, Twenty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel John W. Garry, July 6, 1861, and after serving two years re-enlisted for three years, or the duration of the war, and passed through the entire Sherman campaign. Mr. Dewalt married, December 30, 1869, Sarah, daughter of Robert and Sarah McMillan, of Allegheny county, and their children were: John Nolen, died at the age of four years; Ella, resides at home; Robert, a foundryman of West Newton, married Ella Martin, and has two children; Pauline and Alford; and Maggie, died in infancy.

WILLIAM J. TODD. One of the thriving business men of Scottsdale is William J. Todd, who was born October 26, 1852, in county Down, Ireland, and emigrated to the United States in 1872.

He settled for a short time in Pittsburg, and in the autumn of 1873 went to Scottdale where he entered the service of the Charlotte Furnace Company with whom he remained two years. He was then employed for six months at the Lamont furnace, after which he returned to Scottdale and worked steadily at the furnace for eight or nine years. His next enterprise was the purchase of the confectionery and fruit business which was carried on by his father-in-law in Scottdale. This business he conducted for two years, and at the end of that time sold out and took the position of manager in the general store of J. B. Lott and Company, a position which he retained for eight years. He was next employed for nearly ten years by the Adams Express Company, and then engaged in the local express business for himself, conducting the business for three years. He went into the grocery business April 18, 1899, which he has since carried on successfully, having built up a flourishing trade. He belongs to the K. P., affiliating with Lodge No. 443, and is a member of the United Presbyterian church, in which for eighteen years he served as treasurer and trustee. Mr. Todd married Sarah, daughter of Robert and Jane (Burk) McAvoy, and their children were: Mary J., born May 10, 1877, married Jacob Ludy, of

Connellsville, Pa.; Anna Bell, born June 13, 1880, died December 8, 1888; Walter L., born March 7, 1882, died July 7, 1892; William James, born June 26, 1886, died March 5, 1887; Margaret May, born February 4, 1888; Robert, born January 27, 1890, and died May 28, 1893; and George William, born May 28, 1893.

**GEORGE PARFITT.** Few men in Westmoreland county enjoy greater popularity than has fallen to the lot of George Parfitt, of Mount Pleasant, who belongs to a family of fourteen children born to John and Jane (Silcox) Parfitt. John Parfitt, a native of England, was a miner by occupation. He was an active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was a local preacher. His wife was Jane Silcox, and of their fourteen children the following reached maturity: Anna, died in England; Thomas, a coal-miner at Irwin; Grace, who lives in England and is the wife of Matthew Brooks; John, who was a coal-miner and died December 16, 1902, in Duquesne, Allegheny county; Elizabeth, wife of John Webb, of Herminie, Pennsylvania; George, mentioned hereafter; and James, engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Youngstown, Ohio. All these children, as well as those who died in infancy, were born in England. In 1872 Mr. and Mrs. Parfitt, by the aid of their son George, emigrated to the United States, and settled at Irwin, Westmoreland county, where for the remainder of his life Mr. Parfitt worked as a coal miner. His wife died in 1884, and he passed away in 1887.

George Parfitt, son of John and Jane (Silcox) Parfitt, was born in Somersetshire, England, and in May, 1866, came to the United States, taking up his abode at Irwin, where he was employed in the coal mines. Very soon after his arrival in this country he sent for his brothers, John and James, and later for his father and mother. He worked in the mines at Irwin until May, 1882, and then went to Barn Hill, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, to assume the position of superintendent of mines for the Tuscarawas Coal Company. After filling this position seven months he went to Coshocton, Ohio, as developing miner for John Casingham & Company. There he remained until 1883, when he removed to Guffies' Station and in that place engaged in coal mining until October 27, 1886. He then moved to Mount Pleasant, where he mined coal for the Illinois Steel Company, later the Southwest Coal and Coke Company, remaining with them until 1889. At this period of his life he entered upon a new field of endeavor, namely, that of commerce. Purchasing of W. B. Neel a lot on Quarry street, he there erected a store house and engaged in mercantile business. He was the first settler in that part of East Huntingdon township, and it was in honor of him that the place was named Parfittown. In 1891 he entered the service of the H. C. Frick Southwest Coal and Coke Company, with whom he remained until April 17, 1897, in the capacity of night watchman, when he became the proprietor of the Hotel Parfitt, which he has since successfully conducted, placing it by his admirable management among the leading hotels of the township. In 1877 he served as constable of North Huntingdon township. He is a member of the Elks Lodge No. 868, of Mount Pleasant, and in politics affiliates with the Democrats.

Mr. Parfitt married Agnes C., daughter of John and Ann McIntyre, and they had children: John, born July 17, 1867; Ann, died in infancy; W. George, born September 22, 1870, is a locomotive engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and married Mary Coruthers; Alexander, born September 1, 1872, is a stationary engineer in Colorado, and married Agnes Kiddy; Jane Ann, born February 15, 1875, died August 27, 1880; Agnes, born July 8, 1877, wife-

of Harry I. Queer; Martha, born February 13, 1879, wife of G. W. Meredith, of Mount Pleasant; Robert, born April 2, 1881, married J. Wilson, and lives at Mount Pleasant; Arthur Lock, born September 30, 1882, married Antoine Benedict; Benjamin F., born March 24, 1884, married Maud Spence, and is a resident of Mount Pleasant; Thomas, born January 1, 1886; Webb, born October 23, 1887; Grace, born October 22, 1889; and Jessie May, born May 7, 1891.

**HENRY C. PORTER.** Among the enterprising and prosperous citizens of Scottdale must be numbered Henry C. Porter. He is a grandson of Moses Porter, who was born in Fayette county where he spent his entire life as a farmer. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was Emma Louwade, and their children were: Kenn, deceased; Lindley, a physician in Oregon; Samuel, deceased; George, a farmer in Westmoreland county; Elias C., also a farmer in the same county; James D., of whom later; Rebecca, married John Kieser; and Lydia.

James D. Porter, son of Moses and Emma (Louwade) Porter, was born in 1835, in Fayette county, and has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits in or near his native county, where he now lives. He is a member of the United Baptist church. He married Lizzie Williams and their children are: Thomas W., a grocer of Scottdale; Moses B., engaged in the same business in the same place; Emma, married M. F. Stoner, of Scottdale; Margaret, married Harsh Ohns; Alice, married M. B. Gault; George W., a resident of Scottdale; G. Ellis, a druggist in California; and Henry C., of whom later. After the death of his wife Mr. Porter married Lizzie Ohns, and their children were: Gertrude, married William Dull; Nellie, married Amner Gault; Winnie, married William Johnson; Mamie, at home; Olive, at home; Alexander, at home.

Henry C. Porter, son of James D. and Lizzie (Williams) Porter, was born September 9, 1870, in Fayette county, where he was educated in the common schools, and until attaining his majority remained on the homestead assisting his father. He then worked for a time on the neighboring farms, and also acted as clerk in his brother's grocery. He purchased the milk route of W. H. McBeth, in Scottdale, in 1899, and has ever since continued the business which he has made very successful, the output being about forty gallons daily. He belongs to the Iroquois, of Collinsville, and the A. O. U. W., Lodge No. 286, of Scottdale, in which latter organization he has passed all chairs. He also belongs to the American Insurance Union, Chapter No. 114. He and his family are members of the Reformed church. Mr. Porter married Clara Mabel, daughter of W. H. and Wilty McBeth, and their children were: M. Grace; Clyde; Irene; William; and Fay, who died in childhood.

**EDWARD L. DIIRSTEIN.** No one among the German-American citizens of Scottdale is more deservedly popular than Edward L. Diirstein. His father, Lewis Diirstein, was born in Germany, and about 1845 or 1850 emigrated to the United States. He settled in Allegheny county, where for many years he led the life of a farmer, and then, having been seized with the "gold fever," started with some other fortuneseekers for California. He walked about eleven hundred miles of the distance, but failed to realize his expectations and returned to the farm which he continued to cultivate during the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church. His wife was Elizabeth Ober, also a native of Germany, and their children were: Jacob, a farmer in Allegheny county; Louis, deceased; Edward L., mentioned hereafter; Lena,





*Louis & Louise of Hessen-Rhine*



wife of John Berner, of Illinois; Elizabeth, married Leonard Martine, of Pittsburg; Matilda, deceased; and Mary, who lives in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Diirstein, the father of the family, died April, 1875.

Edward L. Diirstein, son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Ober) Diirstein, was born September 16, 1877, in Allegheny county, and was educated in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he went to learn the trade of baker with the Glenwood Baking Company, of Pittsburg, with whom he remained nine years. After working ten or twelve years as a journeyman, he purchased, February 16, 1902, the bakery and confectionery of L. J. Colier, of Scottdale. His success may be inferred from the fact that in 1903 he built and equipped the largest bakery in Scottdale, situated on South Broadway. There he conducts in connection with the bakery a general ice cream and confectionery business, his establishment being extensively patronized. He is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, of Scottdale. Mr. Diirstein married Mary, daughter of Robert and Margaret Findlay, of Tyrone township.

REUBEN K. HISSEM. Among the progressive and influential citizens of Mount Pleasant, few have had a wider sphere of usefulness than Reuben K. Hissem, who was born in Hempfield township, June 30, 1842. He is a descendant in direct line from Thomas Hissem, a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared, educated, and followed the quiet but useful occupation of farming throughout the active years of his career.

(I) Abner Hissem, eldest son of Thomas Hissem, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He spent his entire life in the vicinity of his birthplace, giving his attention to farming and distilling. In religious faith he was a member of the Presbyterian church. He married, in 1804, Mary Walker, and had children: 1. Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Fox; 2. Jane, wife of Joshua Evans; 3. Samuel, a farmer by occupation, of whom later; 4. Ruth, wife of Jonas Ruff; 5. Mary, wife of Frederick Spielman; 6. William, married Mary Potter; 7. Abner, married Catherine Ziglar; 8. Anna, wife of David Kintigh; 9. Thomas, married Sarah Klingsmith; 10. Jesse, married Catherine Howenstein; 11. Emily, died at the age of four years.

(II) Samuel Hissem, third child and eldest son of Abner (I) and Mary (Walker) Hissem, was born July 4, 1811, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Upon attaining the age when he should take up the practical duties of life for himself, he directed his attention to farming and distilling, abandoning the latter after several years, but continuing the former up to the time of his death which occurred January 30, 1882. He was a member of the Middle Presbyterian church for more than half a century, and a ruling elder of the same for eleven years. He was a staunch Republican in politics. Samuel Hissem married Elizabeth Kintigh, daughter of Adam and Sarah Kintigh, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and their children are: 1. Sarah J., wife of J. A. Stevenson, of Mount Pleasant. 2. Reuben K., of whom later. 3. Mary M., wife of Dr. R. E. Fulton of Mount Pleasant.

(III) Reuben K. Hissem, second child and only son of Samuel (2) and Elizabeth (Kintigh) Hissem, was educated in the common schools of his native township and at Mount Pleasant Institute. He assisted his father in the cultivation and management of the homestead farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he assumed entire charge of the same, continuing along these lines until 1894, in which year he leased the property and since then has directed his energies into various other channels. He was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of

Mount Pleasant, in 1893, was elected its first president, and has served in that capacity up to the present time (1906). He is a member of the directorate of the Savings and Trust Company of Scottdale, First National Bank of Jeannette, Jeannette Savings and Trust Company, and the Greensburg Finance Company, discharging his duties in these different positions with efficiency and credit. He was a prominent factor in what is known as the old rolling mill, and was a director of the same until it was merged into the present syndicate. He is a public spirited, patriotic citizen, takes great pride and pleasure in the advancement and growth of his town and community, and has assisted materially in the prosperity of various industrial enterprises. He is a Republican in politics, and exercises a potent influence in behalf of the party whose principles he advocates. For six consecutive years he served as school director. He belongs to the Middle Presbyterian church, and has been a ruling elder in that institution for almost a quarter of a century.

Reuben K. Hissem married, November 15, 1871, Louise J. Andrews, daughter of John and Hannah (Carnahan) Andrews, representatives of an old and highly respected family. She was reared in a home of plenty and christian culture, attended the United Presbyterian church, but on her marriage joined the Mount Pleasant Middle Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Hissem is the senior elder. In her religious life she was active and consistent; her presence was seldom missed from the regular service, and her help was much appreciated in all that pertained to God's kingdom. To her a christian profession meant a christian life—devoted, kind, cheerful. She died at her home near Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, October 21, 1904, aged sixty-two years. The funeral services were in charge of her pastor, Rev. G. C. Fisher, of the Middle churches, who was assisted by Rev. Howard Wilson, of the United Presbyterian church, and Rev. W. H. Tussing, of the Reformed church of Mount Pleasant. The remains were interred in the Middle Church cemetery. Her life was sweet and beautiful; her death a triumph, opening the door to a glorious immortality. She lies asleep near the church she loved and almost in sight of the home where she spent her youth, and of the home her presence as a wife and mother made so happy, and her absence leaves a great vacancy in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hissem: 1. Elizabeth F., wife of Frank D. Barnhart, of Mount Pleasant; 2. Pearl A., wife of Dr. N. F. Silsly, of Scottdale, Pa.; 3. Mary Olive, wife of Rev. T. A. Gibson, of Bergetstown, Washington county; and 4. Ada M., a graduate of Washington Seminary, who resides at home with her father.

DENNIS E. DE HAVEN. No more popular man than Dennis E. De Haven can be found within the limits of Scottdale. He is a great-grandson of Daniel De Haven, who came from Holland to the United States, and settled near Valley Forge, where he engaged in farming. His wife was Betsey Smith.

William S. De Haven, only child of Daniel and Betsey (Smith) De Haven, was born in 1804 near Harrisburg, and all his life followed the carpenter's trade. He was a member of the German Lutheran church. He married Elinor Harding, and their children were: Jessey; Dennis, of whom later; George; Louise; Catharine; and Mary.

Dennis DeHaven, son of William S. and Elinor (Harding) De Haven, was born about 1835 or 1836, in Wellersburg, Somerset county, and in early life was a carpenter and plasterer. This calling he abandoned in 1861, when he enlisted in Company D, Second Regiment, Maryland Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. He married Sarah C. Johnson, and their children

were: Mary Ellen, died in childhood; John H.; Dennis E., of whom later; Ida May, married Wesley W. Grove; and Alice, died in childhood. Having survived the hardships and perils of the war and received an honorable discharge in 1865, Mr. De Haven was on his way home to his family when he was unfortunately killed by an accident which befell him at Little Capeon, Maryland.

Dennis E. De Haven, son of Dennis and Sarah C. (Johnson) De Haven, was born January 2, 1861, in Wallersburg, Somerset county, and in boyhood attended the common schools. When about sixteen or seventeen he began working in the coal mines, and continued to do so for seventeen years. He moved to Scottdale, in 1895, and took a position with Mr. Wible, a contractor, who was building the Frick car shops, afterward becoming manager of the pool and billiard parlor presided over by his brother. At the end of a year he opened a restaurant which he has conducted with great success ever since, having an extensive patronage. He is a member of the Maccabees, of Scottdale. Mr. De Haven married Caroline Hudson, and their children were: Charles T.; Viola; Mildred; Ethel; May; Ida; Hazel; and Marie.

JOHN C. GEYER. The family of which John C. Geyer, of Scottdale, is a worthy representative, was founded in the province of Pennsylvania some time between the close of the French and Indian war and the opening of the Revolutionary war. The pioneer ancestor, who was a native of Germany, served as a soldier under General Washington, and after the cessation of hostilities settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Coonrod Geyer (grandfather), son of the immigrant ancestor, was born in the city of Philadelphia, from which he migrated in early life to Berks, and later to Bedford county, Pennsylvania. He followed teaming as a means of livelihood, his route being between Cumberland, Maryland, and Wheeling, Virginia (now West Virginia), on the national road or old pike. A heavily loaded wagon passed over his foot and from the effects of the injury thus received he died at his home in Bedford county, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Henry G. Geyer (father), son of Coonrod Geyer, was born at Reading, Berks county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1833. At an early age he came with his parents to Bedford county, same state, where he was reared to manhood on a farm, in the meantime attending the common school, and assisting with the varied duties of the homestead farm. He removed to Scottdale in 1873, and there engaged in hotel keeping, in which line of business he achieved a large degree of success. In 1882 he erected a large frame hotel, now known as the "Geyer House" and successfully conducted it until his death, December 11, 1884. He was the first landlord at Scottdale to obtain license after the passage of the local option law. Scottdale had only been laid out as a town shortly before Mr. Geyer took up his residence there, and had his life been spared a few years longer he would have been an important factor in its growth and development, as he was a man of enterprise and energy, good business qualifications, and executive ability. For more than twenty-one years he was a member of the German Reformed church, during which time he frequently served as an officer. Mr. Geyer married, January 2, 1863, Catherine Redinger, who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, 1841, and the issue of this union was seven children, four sons and three daughters. Mrs. Geyer, with the assistance of her sons, is conducting the "Geyer House."

John C. Geyer, son of the late Henry G. and Catherine (Redinger) Geyer, was born in Juniata township, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1863. When ten years of age his parents removed to Scottdale, Westmoreland county, where he attended the common schools for five years. In 1878 he entered the Scottdale rolling mill where he learned the trades of rolling and boiling, following the same for a period of six years. Since the death of his father, December 11, 1884, he has assisted his mother in the management of the "Geyer House," which is one of the leading hotels in Scottdale. It has a fine location, is modern in all its appointments, the cuisine is excellent, and therefore it merits the extensive patronage accorded to it by the traveling public. Mr. Geyer was a member of the council of Scottdale in 1891, and during his tenure of office the first paved street in the town was laid. He is now (1905) serving his second term as school director of East Huntingdon township. When he was first elected the township was \$13,000 in debt, \$8,000 of which was paid the first year and the remainder the second year, which was a very creditable showing indeed, and testified eloquently to the energy of the men who were responsible for the same. He is a member of Trinity German Reformed church at Scottdale, which was organized July 20, 1873, and contributes liberally toward its support and maintenance. He advocates the principles of the Democratic party, and aids with his vote the success of its candidates. He is a member of Scottdale Lodge, No. 885, and White Star Encampment, No. 286, I. O. O. F., Fountain Lodge, No. 443, K. P., and Scottdale Council, No. 192, J. O. U. A. M. He is a past officer in the K. P., and J. O. U. A. M., and twice represented the latter at their state council, once at Harrisburg and once at Erie. He married, January 24, 1884, Laura A. Milliron, daughter of Samuel Milliron, of New Stanton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Their children were: Daisy M., Grover Cleveland, John C., died January 13, 1890; George W., Grant G., Garfield J., Griffith E., Greeley H. and Garner R. Geyer.

ANDREW B. FINDLEY, a representative citizen of Scottdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born March 16, 1843, the son of Jesse and Mary (Trout) Findley. On the paternal side he is of Scotch-Irish descent, and on his mother's side is of German descent.

Jesse Findley (father) was born and reared in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and was a shoemaker by trade. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. He married Mary Trout, and they had children as follows: George, William, a stone mason of Everson, Pennsylvania; Jesse C., died at the age of twenty-eight years; a child who died in infancy; Andrew B., mentioned hereafter; Isabelle, unmarried; Mary, accidentally killed when twenty years of age; and John, a farmer of Iowa. Jesse Findley, Sr., died in January, 1850.

Andrew B. Findley obtained a common school education, and was compelled to earn his own living at a very early age, being but seven years old at the death of his father. He was engaged in working around among the farmers of the section until he was about eighteen years old, when he turned his attention to the trade of carpenter, which he learned with Jacob H. Hays. He was but eight months at this occupation, however, when, in 1863, he enlisted in the Civil war, Company F, One Hundred and Third Pennsylvania Volunteers, under the command of Captain Thomas. He enlisted for a term of three years, but was discharged on account of disabilities after two years of active service. After six months he re-enlisted and served until the close of the war. After his return to civil life Mr. Findley gave his attention to his trade of carpenter, in which he was occupied for about thirty-five years, being extensively

engaged in building and contracting. In 1878 he was appointed by Governor Hoyt policeman around the coal and iron works of Scottdale, and served in this capacity for six years. He was then given charge of the carpenter and millwright work in the W. H. Everson Company, being thus occupied for twelve years. He was employed as millwright for the Carbon Iron Company of Pittsburg for two years. He then returned to Scottdale, and entered the service of the National pipe and foundry works, being engaged in carpenter work with this firm for seven years. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Scottdale for about two years, and in 1900 established a milk route, beginning with the sale of three gallons of milk a day. The business is constantly increasing, and he now sends out about eighty-five gallons of milk daily. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and was elected to the council in 1891 to serve for two years. He also served his borough as constable for five years, and was deputy sheriff under John Guffey for two years. He was one of the seven men who were appointed to break up the "Molley McGuire gang" at Irwin, and succeeded in arresting about forty of them. Mr. Findley is the present commander of Colonel Elsworth Post, No. 209, G. A. R., of Scottdale. He is a charter member of the R. A., No. 807, of Scottdale, in which he has passed all the chairs. He also holds membership in the J. O. of A. M., No. 102, of Scottdale, having passed all the chairs in this order also. Mr. Findley married (first) Sarah Gross, daughter of David Gross, who bore him three children: Carrie May, deceased, was the wife of George P. Frey; William K., died at thirty years of age; Minnie, died in childhood. The mother of these children died in 1878, and for his second wife Mr. Findley married Elizabeth Rowe, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Rowe. They had one child who died in infancy.

LEWIS S. RHOADES, justice of the peace of Mount Pleasant borough, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in South Huntingdon township, April 2, 1858, the son of Daniel F. and Rebecca (Armstrong) Rhoades.

John Rhoades (grandfather) was born in Smithton, South Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and there he lived all his life, following the occupation of a farmer. He married a Miss Sowash, and their children were: Daniel F., Peter, Josiah, Maria, who married Lowry Wilgus.

Daniel F. Rhoades (father) was also born in South Huntingdon township in 1821, and he resided there all his life, following farming very successfully. He was a member and deacon in the Free Will Baptist church at Jacobs creek.

Daniel F. Rhoades married Rebecca Armstrong, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Armstrong, and their children were: Hannah Maria, Elizabeth S., Lewis S., of whom later; Noah E., cashier in the National Bank at Smithton, Pa.; Oville C., married Hattie Rowe. Emma G., married John A. Linn.

Lewis S. Rhoades obtained his early education in the common schools of his native place, his intermediate education at the West Newton High school, and his higher education in the California State Normal, from which institution he was graduated in 1880. He worked his way through the last named school by teaching, and after graduation taught for two years. He then established himself in the mercantile business in Jacobs creek, where he remained for eight years, and achieved good success in this line. During the period he lived in Jacobs creek he held the position of postmaster. His next removal was to Smithton, where he was employed by the Waverly Coal and Coke Company for three years as assistant superintendent. He removed to Mount Pleasant borough in 1895, and was for eighteen months engaged in the drug business.

At the expiration of that time he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and has since given his entire attention to the duties of that office. He was appointed in September, 1903, mercantile appraiser by the county commissioners for the term of 1904. In his political affiliations Mr. Rhoades is an ardent Republican, and has been very active in the affairs of his party since he attained his majority. He was elected justice of the peace in Smithton, south Huntingdon township, and served a term of five years. He acted as a delegate to the state convention at Harrisburg, and has been secretary or held some other prominent position in almost every county convention since 1879. Fraternally he holds membership in the M. W. of A., Lodge No. 7082, of Mount Pleasant, in which he has passed all the chairs; the N. P. L., Lodge No. 606, of Mount Pleasant, in which he is a charter member, and was secretary for two years; he is also a charter member and trustee of the K. M., Lodge No. 361, of Mount Pleasant. He married, February 26, 1885, Sarah E. Duncan, daughter of John and Isabelle (Campbell) Duncan, and their children are: Flora G., born December 20, 1885; Edith R., born November 16, 1887, a graduate of the Mount Pleasant High School; Isabelle D., born May 10, 1890; Robert L., born February 6, 1893; Esther E., born August 10, 1896; and Zelfa Naomi, born March 4, 1900.

CHARLES C. TRIECE. The great-grandfather of Charles C. Triece, of Ligonier, emigrated from Germany to the United States and settled in Somerset county, where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. His son, Conrad Triece (grandfather), was born in Somerset county, where he passed his entire life. Like his father, he was a farmer, and also for some time keeper of a toll gate. Conrad Triece was the father of two sons: Thomas and Henry. Henry Triece (father) was born in Somerset county, learned the millwright's trade, and when a young man moved to Indiana county. He settled in Blairsville where he built a mill and during the remainder of his life devoted himself exclusively to the milling business. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a Republican in politics. Henry Triece married Susan Balentine, and their children were: 1. William, a physician of South Haven, Mich.; 2. Elizabeth, married John Trezise, and is now deceased; 3. Fanny, married Isaac Wynn; 4. Letitia, who was the wife of the late William Battles; 5. Thomas J., a railroad engineer of Cumberland, Md.; 6. Charles C., mentioned hereafter; 7. Lillie, married S. C. Coyl, of McKeesport, and is now deceased; 8. Henry, who, at the outbreak of the Civil war, enlisted with the ninety days men, then re-enlisted and was killed just before the surrender at Appomattox; 9. John W., enlisted at the beginning of the Civil war, and served until he fell in battle in 1863; 10. Sarah, died in infancy; 11. Annie, died at the age of twenty-one; 12. Jesse M., a millwright at Blairsville. The death of the father of this numerous family occurred in 1882, aged seventy-eight years. The mother was injured by a fall, and died February 1, 1901, aged eighty-four years.

Charles C. Triece, son of Henry and Susan (Balentine) Triece, was born January 14, 1854, in Indiana county, where he was educated in the common schools and learned the trade of a millwright with his father. For a number of years he followed his trade in Illinois and other parts of the west. He purchased, in 1897, what was known as "Hoover's mill," south of Ligonier, which had been built about 1775, and which he operated until the autumn of 1904. He then moved to Ligonier and built a mill in partnership with Andrew Stoner, which they operated under the firm name of Triece & Stoner. He after-

ward purchased his partner's interest, and has since continued the business alone, his mill being the largest and most modern in the Ligonier valley, with a capacity of sixty barrels daily. He belongs to Progress Lodge, No. 524, I. O. O. F., of Chicago, and is a member of the United Presbyterian church of Ligonier, in which he holds the office of steward. He is a Republican in politics. He married, December 29, 1874, Narcissa Jane, daughter of Daniel and Susan Wagoner. She was a resident of Cookport, Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

**GEORGE R. GRIFFITH.** Jesse Griffith, grandfather of George R. Griffith, of Ligonier, passed his life as a farmer in Jenners, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He was the owner of large tracts of land which he had inherited from his father. He married a Miss Conley, of Bedford county, and their children were: Samuel, mentioned hereafter; William, Allen and Jehu.

Samuel Griffith, son of Jesse Griffith, was born in 1804, in Somerset county, and in early life engaged in the hotel business in Jenners, in connection with farming. In 1845 he was elected sheriff of Somerset county, and at the time of his death was still in office. In politics he was a Whig. He married Elizabeth Hillegass, in 1830, and they had children: Caroline, wife of F. G. Neff; Lydia, married Dr. Joseph Covode; Margaret, married James Mortimore; Simon H. who enlisted in 1864, at Camp Reynolds, in the Fifth Heavy Artillery, and at the end of a year lost his life; George R., mentioned hereafter. The death of Mr. Griffith, the father, occurred in 1848; the mother died in 1887.

George R. Griffith, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hillegass) Griffith, was born December 27, 1844, at Jenners, Somerset county; and in June, 1863, enlisted in the Fifty-fourth Regiment, state troops, participating in the Morgan raid. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, Two Hundred and Eleventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in which he was advanced to the rank of second lieutenant. On account of illness he resigned about March 1, 1865, at Point Rocks, Virginia. After his return to civil life he engaged for three years in mercantile business at Hooversville, and then moved to Oak Grove, Westmoreland county, where he was in business for twelve years. At the end of that time he settled in Ligonier and established the business which he has successfully conducted to the present time. Since 1903 he has been a member of the council of Ligonier. He was also councilman of the borough of Ligonier. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Griffith married Esther A. Mickey, daughter of Daniel and Margaret Mickey, of Ligonier, Pennsylvania; their children were: Ida G., wife of H. F. Menoher, of Ligonier; Maud E., wife of H. E. Frank, of Somerset county; Lousetta H., wife of R. A. Wilt, of Ligonier; Nellie D., at home; and Denny Ross, at home.

**DANIEL M. KERN,** a well-known printer and publisher, and prominent citizen of Ligonier, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is one of those progressive and enterprising young men who have helped Pennsylvania to the proud position which she has justly attained. Jacob Kern, grandfather of Daniel M. Kern was a resident of the state of Pennsylvania. Aaron H. Kern, son of Jacob Kern, and father of Daniel M. Kern, was born in Springfield, Pennsylvania. He entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in August, 1887, as brakeman, and by his fidelity and close attention to the duties of his position soon earned promotion to the position of conductor, a position which he holds at the present time (1906). He is a member of the United Brethren church. He is also a member of Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F.,

of Youngwood, Pennsylvania; B. of R. T., and A. O. U. W., at Greensburg. He married Permelia J. Pool, daughter of John and Maria Pool, and they have four children: John O., conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Daniel M., of whom later; Joseph C., died in infancy; Maggie O., a clerk in the Fiscus & Riblett store in Youngwood, Pennsylvania.

Daniel M. Kern, second son and child of Aaron H. and Permelia J. (Pool) Kern, was born in Madison, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1877. His education was received in the common schools of his native town, and as he was a very ambitious boy succeeded in acquiring here a fair amount of knowledge. At the age of thirteen years he went to the *Tribune* office in Greensburg to learn the trade of printer. He commenced at the bottom of the ladder and remained in this office for seven years, obtaining a very thorough and practical knowledge of what was to become his life's work. He then resigned this position and went to Ligonier where he accepted a position as foreman in the office of the *Echo*, remaining there for six years. He established himself in business in February, 1904, associating himself with Thomas Davidson, and opening a printing office under the firm name of Kern & Davidson. A year later he bought out his partner's interest, and has since successfully conducted the business alone. Mr. Kern, in connection with J. S. Kimmel, of Greensburg, and Harry B. Stom, formed the Ligonier American and Publishing Co., of which Mr. Kern is president. The business of this company is editing and publishing *The Ligonier American*, an independent weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of the Ligonier valley, and the work of a general printing office. The first issue of the *American* appeared in April, 1906. The office of the company is located in the J. H. Frank block in Ligonier. He has energy and force of character, is quick to see the trend of the times and take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself. Under these circumstances it is not to be wondered at that he is considered one of the rising young men of Westmoreland county.

JOHN W. HUSTON. The great-grandfather of John W. Huston, of Ligonier, was Archibald Huston, who was born in 1763, in the parish of Killen, county Caven, Ireland, and in 1812 emigrated to the United States, settling in Chester county, Pennsylvania. He subsequently lived in several other counties of the same state, finally taking up his abode in Westmoreland county, where he ended his days. He brought with him to this country his six sons: John; Richard; Archibald; George; William, of whom later; and Joseph. He was a contractor of public works.

William Huston, son of Archibald Huston, was born in 1808, in Ireland, and was but four years old when the family emigrated. Early in life he settled at what was then Huston Station and is now Lake Hall, having previously been engaged in farming. In his new abode he worked as a contractor and builder, and was also employed in railroad work. At one time he kept a general store in Fairfield, and later did contract work in West Virginia. He purchased a farm in St. Clair township and was the proprietor of hotels in Latrobe, Johnstown and Pittsburg. He served as sheriff of Westmoreland county from 1859 to 1862. He was a member of the Democratic party, and belonged to the Presbyterian church. Mr. Huston married Mary, daughter of John Bennett, of Fairfield, and their children were: William; Archibald; Agnes, married George L. Miller, one of the prominent engineers of Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, was for twenty-five years a missionary among the Indians; John, was a







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surgeon in the army and died about 1864; and Dixon, of whom later. Mr. Huston, the father died in 1881, at Ligonier.

Dixon Huston, son of William and Mary (Bennett) Huston, was born in Fairfield township, and for about twenty-five years was supervisor for the Pennsylvania railroad. In 1880 he settled in the Ligonier valley, where he passed the remainder of his life in retirement. He belonged to Johnstown Lodge, F. and A. M., of Johnstown, and was an elder in the Presbyterian church of Ligonier. He married Margaret, daughter of Joseph and Trankful Naugle, and their children were: Joseph; and John W. of whom later. Mr. Huston died in May, 1902. Margaret (his widow) resides in her own home at Ligonier.

John W. Huston, son of Dixon and Margaret (Naugle) Huston, was born June 11, 1866, in New Florence, receiving his education in the common schools and at Blairsville Military Academy from which he graduated in the class of 1883. His calling is that of a civil engineer, and since 1889 he has worked in Texas, California, Mexico, Kansas, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Oklahoma. Since 1888 Mr. Huston has been engaged in the production of crude petroleum. He married Cora M., daughter of Emmet and Emmaline (Douthett) Lawson, and they have one child, Helen, who was born October 14, 1902.

REV. HUMPHREY LUDWICK McMURRAY. The McMurrays are of Scotch-Irish ancestors who came to America in 1790, settling in eastern Pennsylvania. They came to Westmoreland county in 1800, one brother remaining there and two others going farther and settling in Ohio.

The earliest ancestor of whom there is any definite information was Captain Acheson McMurray, grandfather of Rev. Humphrey L. McMurray, a large land owner and farmer near Harrison City. Captain McMurray had a taste for military life and was commissioned first lieutenant of the Fifth Cavalry, August 12, 1821, and captain in the Sixtieth Regiment belonging to First Brigade, composed of the militia of Fayette and Westmoreland counties, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1823. He married Elizabeth Linsabigler, and their children were: Joseph, Ephraim, William, Albert, John, Susannah (Mrs. Samuel Jones), Agnes, Ellen (Mrs. John Caldwell). Captain McMurray was an elder of the Presbyterian church at Harrison City, Pennsylvania. He died January, 1870, aged seventy-five years.

William Blain McMurray, son of Captain Acheson and Elizabeth (Linsabigler) McMurray, and father of Rev. Humphrey L. McMurray, was born near Harrison City, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1825. He was a farmer all his life. For twenty years he farmed for Colonel Paul Brinker, and then moved to Delmont on the farm of Hon. John Hugus. This move was made in order to give his children the better educational advantages Delmont afforded. After the children completed their studies he removed to a farm near Waterloo, Iowa, where his death occurred in the winter of 1896, aged seventy-one years. He was a Presbyterian until his marriage when he joined the Lutheran church. In politics he was a Democrat. He married, November 18, 1847, Amy Louisa Berlin, a daughter of Henry Berlin, and their children were: 1. Henry Albert, born September 10, 1848, learned the trade of a millwright, and now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico; he is unmarried. 2. Humphrey Ludwick referred to hereafter. 3. Ellen Elizabeth, born March 12, 1852, widow of James Brown, resides in Santa Ana, California, with her two children: Harold and Ila Brown.

4. Amy Brinker, born August 21, 1854, wife of William Edgar Steck, residents of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; they have no children living. 5. William Z. B., born August 19, 1856, superintendent of a rice mill at Savannah, Georgia. He married Lottie Crawford, of Hampton, Iowa, and is the father of three children: William B., a law student at Iowa City College, Iowa City, Iowa; Maud A., and Norma. 6. Margaret Arabella, born September 25, 1858, deceased, was the wife of James Tufts. 7. Mary Jane, born December 5, 1863, married, November 2, 1887, Ralph Meade, proprietor of a lumber yard at Santa Ana; they have four children: Amy, Mildred, Lawrence and Dorothy Meade. 8. Sarah Louisa, born July 10, 1869, principal of the high school at Santa Ana. 9. Thomas Oscar, born July 20, 1870, manager of a cracker factory at Nashville, Tennessee. 10. Bert Clifford, born November 4, 1871, manager of a store in Santa Ana; he married Lillian Augusta Masters, December 6, 1903. William B. McMurray, although a man in moderate circumstances, gave all his children the advantages of good education. The daughters were all competent instructors and followed that vocation. Mrs. McMurray is living at the present time (1906) and makes her home with her daughter Jennie in Santa Ana, California.

Rev. Humphrey L. McMurray was born near Boquet, Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1850. He first attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home, later attended Delmont Academy for several years, then spent one year at the Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, two years at Thiel College, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and a full term at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1877. In the same year he was ordained a minister of the gospel by the Pittsburg Synod. His first call was from the Ligonier parish, of which he became pastor in March, 1877. The parish then consisted of four churches which were located at Ligonier, Youngstown, Latrobe and Derry. Each of these churches now maintain their own pastor and each pays him more salary than the four paid Rev. McMurray, who served them all. His pastorate was very successful, both spiritually and financially. The churches at Ligonier and Latrobe were remodeled and enlarged, and the debt resting on the Youngstown church entirely paid off. In 1882 he resigned to accept a call from the Lewisburg and Ithaca congregation in Ohio, where he spent eighty happy, fruitful years. Two splendid new churches were built and stand as monuments of his work in that field. In 1890 he accepted a call from the home mission board of the general council to organize a mission in Duluth, Minnesota, among the Scandinavians. Here he gathered a congregation and built a handsome church. To those who have done mission work this seems little short of miraculous, for to start an English congregation in a town where the foreign element predominates tests indeed the quality of the minister undertaking it. He severed his connection with the mission in 1894 and accepted a call to St. John's Church, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he remained two years, going from there to a congregation calling him at Humboldt Park, Chicago, Illinois. This he regards as an unfortunate and mistaken move. Here he lost his son, a lad of nine years, and other misfortunes followed. After two years he was called by his old and first congregation, and here he has spent eight happy, successful years. Since his return to Ligonier, Pennsylvania, in 1898, the new church has been finished and dedicated, and the congregation is in a prosperous condition. He is an earnest and well-beloved minister of the Evangelical Lutheran church, is courteous and kindly in disposition, exceedingly popular, and is highly esteemed for his cordial bearing towards all with





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Rev. Humphrey L. McMurray married, June 13, 1877, Elizabeth Jenkins, a daughter of Robert Jenkins, then of Robbins Station, now of the East End, Pittsburg. He brought his bride to the parsonage at Ligonier where he was then stationed. Their children were: 1. Jennie May, graduated from the public schools, high school of Chicago, and from Thiel College, which conferred upon her the degree of Bachelor of Arts. 2. Emma Berlin, educated in the public schools of Duluth, Minnesota, Chicago, Illinois, and at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. 3. Robert Jenkins, died in Chicago, Illinois, July 3, 1896, aged nine years. Both daughters are members of the Lutheran church, and reside at home. Robert Jenkins, father of Mrs. McMurray, was a native of Scotland, where he obtained a knowledge of coal and coal mining. He came to the United States when twenty years of age, came west over the Pennsylvania canal and became one of the very earliest coal operators and shippers. His mines lay along the Youghiogheny river, by which he made his shipments to all the lower Ohio and Mississippi river cities. He was among the first to use steamboats for towing purposes, and an early boat used for that purpose was called the "Robert Jenkins." Part of her machinery came from Germany, and her advent upon the river was a great event. Mr. Jenkins subsequently removed his operations to the Monongahela and later sold out to the Pittsburg Coal Co. He was very successful and became wealthy. He is still living (1906), but in poor health.

COLONEL JOHN McFARLAND, of Ligonier, was in his day one of the leading men of Westmoreland county. He was born in Ligonier, September 26, 1800, and died June 30, 1886, his eventful life covering almost a century. His father was Thomas McFarland, whose Scotch and English ancestors, on account of religious persecution, fled from Scotland, taking refuge in county Down, Ireland, and changing their name from "Stewart" to McFarland, "Son in a far land." His mother, Hannah Dinsmore, from county Antrim, Ireland, was the daughter of a fuller of cloth who operated a fulling mill. Thomas and Hannah McFarland settled in Ligonier about the time of the Revolutionary war, making their home a mile and a half from town on the hill overlooking the immediate valley. It is now owned by the heirs of Joseph Fry, and part of the log house in which John McFarland was born is still standing.

In appearance Colonel McFarland was always a handsome man, large and firmly formed, his presence and bearing were that of a distinguished gentleman of the old school. Even when more than four score years had whitened his dark hair, he was still erect, his keen blue eye had lost none of its lustre, nor had his strong intellect failed him. He was a man who could read men, and possessed great business insight, being able to look into and measure the future outcome of business projects with almost unerring certainty. In this his mind was marvelous, and had he lived in our day, with such mental gifts, he could easily have amassed an immense fortune.

There were but few schools in Westmoreland county when he was a youth, indeed, his entire schooling covered a period of but six months. Like all young men of that primitive age he was brought up as a farmer, and his first employment away from the farm was on the Pennsylvania canal, when it was in course of construction across the state. This work in a great degree

changed the whole course of his life; it taught him to handle laboring men, and a few years afterward he was a contractor in the building of the West Penn railroad. Later he was engaged in still larger railroad contracts in Lawrence county and elsewhere. In this business he was successful and laid up a reasonable competence for those days, when fortunes were measured with fewer figures than they are now. About this time he acquired a large amount of real estate, which gradually grew in value and added to the accumulations of his old age. From Colonel John Ramsey he purchased the mill property at Ligonier; this he owned for nearly fifty years, selling it to the late W. A. Bair, in 1866. Though his business compelled him to be away from Ligonier a great deal, he never severed his relations with the place of his birth. He built a brick residence there in 1830, a palatial one in those days, which, with a few exterior changes, is still standing and is the home of Mr. John H. Frank. Early in the century he became interested in the military affairs of the country, and was made a colonel in the state militia. By this title, "Colonel," he was always thereafter known, although he was never directly connected with any of the wars in which the United States was engaged. He took great interest in the Mexican war and equipped and sent to the front Chauncey Forward Sargent, the only soldier the valley furnished for that war.

About 1840 he became interested in politics. He had always been a Democrat, and being a leader in his county, was put up as a candidate for state senator, to which position he was elected in 1850, serving with great satisfaction to his constituents for the term of three years. His opponent in this election was none other than the renowned John Covode, whom he defeated at the polls.

He married, July 17, 1832, Elizabeth Elder, a descendant of Colonel Robert Elder, the Revolutionary soldier, and sister of the late Colonel Samuel Elder. She was born May 5, 1813, died December 5, 1840, leaving three daughters: Mary, Josephine and Martha. He married (second), August 20, 1844, Julia A. Tantlinger, born in 1812, died May 18, 1849. By her he had two sons: James Burns and William Wallace, and one daughter Agnes, all of whom died in infancy.

One of his favorite ambitions, which he probably acquired while a contractor on the railroad, was the building of a railroad from the main branch of the Pennsylvania into Ligonier valley. With his usual business sagacity, he easily foresaw the great advantage such a road would be to that locality, filled as it was with timber, coal, stone and many other marketable products. He even advocated this project in the fifties, when in the senate, and introduced a bill providing for its charter. The road was at length projected by popular subscription, and Colonel McFarland headed the list by subscribing and paying \$3,000.00, which was then an immense sum compared with what it is to-day. He was elected president of the proposed Ligonier Valley railroad, though it was finally completed under another organization, headed by Judge Thomas Mellon, of Pittsburg. Before the advent of the railroad he made many trips eastward on horseback, in carriages and by stage coach, passing over the old turnpike, and in his old age was wont to dwell on that romantic period of our state's history. All his life he had been a reader of books and knew more about them than most men of his day. In his earlier days he had mingled with the most eminent men of the state, and had acquired through these associations a polish and address usually found only among elderly men in our large cities. There were few prominent men in the fifties, in the state, whom he did not know intimately. These associations had polished and de-

veloped his powers of conversation, until he became one of the most charming companions socially one would meet in a lifetime. He was a strictly honest man, a lover of justice, and ever faithful to an old friend.

During the greater part of his life he was a member of the United Presbyterian church, then known as the "Seceders." This society had no place of worship at that time in Ligonier, and it was his custom to ride on horseback every Sunday morning to the church near Fort Palmer, about seven miles north of Ligonier, there to mingle with his neighbors in their religious devotions. A quiet and unobtrusive charity, so quiet indeed that even those who were benefitted by it often knew nothing of its source, characterized his entire life, and this doubly endeared him to those who knew him best.

His declining years were spent almost entirely in retirement and in looking after his own estate. Surrounded by all the comforts that loving friends could give, firm in the faith of his church, he passed peacefully away while on a visit at the home of his daughter Mary, June 30, 1886, and was buried in the old Ligonier cemetery. His three daughters who grew to womanhood were all born and reared in the McFarland homestead in Ligonier, and educated in the Ladies' Seminaries of Washington and Blairsville, Pennsylvania. Mary married Rev. Benjamin Kelso Ormond, D. D., a descendant of the Revolutionary soldier, Colonel Thomas Kelso. Dr. Ormond is a minister of the Presbyterian church, and their home is in Toledo, Ohio, where their four children also reside. They are: John McFarland Ormond, attorney-at-law, married Lucy Jameson, of Warren, Ohio. Josephine E., married John Robb Calder, attorney-at-law. M. Georgia Ormond, sculptor. Nannie P., married Frank Willard Thomas, publisher. Josephine, the second daughter of Colonel John McFarland, married Thomas G. Stewart, commission merchant, who died in Baltimore, 1889. Mrs. Stewart died on September 22, 1869, leaving one son, Frank M. Stewart, now secretary of the Stock Growers' Association of Buffalo Gap, South Dakota. He married Rose Taylor, of Baltimore, Maryland. The third daughter, Martha, married Rev. John Calvin Boyd, D. D., a minister in the United Presbyterian church, who died in Pittsburg in August, 1903. His wife died May 16, 1869, leaving one son, William McFarland Boyd, who is now master mechanic with the Westinghouse Company of Braddock, Pennsylvania. He married Jessie Neely. There are seven great-grandchildren, namely: Jane and Isabella Stewart, Martha M. and Helen Boyd, Dorothy Ormond, Thomas and Margaret Elder Thomas.

**SARGENT FAMILY.** The early ancestor in America of the Sargent family was one William Sargent, the first record of whom appears in the general court records of Massachusetts in 1633. There an act of court was passed protecting certain grantees of land then at Agawam, now Ipswich, in their rights, and William Sargent was one of them. The court records also show that in 1639 he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity to the colony of Massachusetts. The Sargent family numbers among its members many of the most noted men in our history, they being all descended from the common ancestor, William Sargent.

Elijah Sargent was the sixth in line from William. He was born in 1786, near Methuen, Massachusetts. In his early years he immigrated west, settling near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. From this place he enlisted in the War of 1812. Later in life he lived in Greensburg and in Ligonier, in both places being engaged in the manufacture of shoes. In 1822 he married Matilda Tannehill, of Somerset, Pennsylvania. He died at Ligonier, November 1,

1850. His wife died in Ligonier, March 31, 1852. Both are buried in the old St. Clair cemetery in Greensburg. Their children were as follows: 1. Lydia L., died in Ligonier, 1849; 2. Sarah J., living at present (1906) in Larned, Kansas; 3. Chauncey Forward; 4. Matilda; 5. James Tannehill; 6. Susan H.; 7. Linda C.; 8. William Dunlap.

Chauncey Forward Sargent grew to manhood in the county, and later was engaged in business in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and at Bellwood, Pennsylvania. When a young man he learned the printer's trade in Greensburg, and in 1846, while a citizen of Ligonier, he chanced to visit Greensburg when a company was being formed for service in the Mexican war. Among the volunteers were many of his intimate friends and they induced him to enlist with them. In that way he became a member of the Second Regiment in the Mexican war, and was the only soldier in the Mexican war from Ligonier valley. The service of the regiment is fully given in that part of Volume 1 of this work which relates to the Mexican war. Mr. Sargent was with the regiment in the march under General Scott from Vera Cruz to Mexico, and was seriously wounded at Chapultepec just outside of the City of Mexico, and lay in the hospital there for many months. The wound disabled him more or less during the remainder of his life. Though absent from Westmoreland for many years he was all the while intimate with our interests and associated with our best people. He was an intimate friend and companion of such men as General Richard Coulter, Colonel John McFarland, Colonel John W. Johnston, Henry C. Marchant, Thomas J. Barclay, Colonel James Armstrong, and many others. He had many qualities of mind and heart which greatly endeared him to his friends, who in Westmoreland county were legion. He took a great interest in the early history of Westmoreland county, and particularly in that part of it which related to the Mexican war, and we believe attended all the Mexican war veteran reunions in their annual meetings. He was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the early years of its history, serving as mail agent, passenger conductor, and later as station master with headquarters at Harrisburg. On leaving that employment he engaged in the news business at Philadelphia, which has since become the Union News Company. He married, July 29, 1862, Annie Isett, daughter of John S. Isett, an iron manufacturer of Spring Creek, Pennsylvania. They had children named Lewis Henry, George, Annie and Florence. He died at Bellwood, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1904, and was buried in the new St. Clair cemetery at Greensburg. His widow resides at Reading, Pennsylvania.

James Tannehill Sargent also learned the trade of printer in Greensburg, and in later years owned and edited a paper in Iowa, and still later one in South Dakota. He was instrumental in raising a company in Iowa for service in the Civil war, and was elected its first lieutenant. He served his time and returned home without any serious injury, having participated in Grant's campaign around Vicksburg. He died at Yankton, South Dakota, in 1900.

Susan H. Sargent was married to Dr. J. Mathiot Cummings, who lived and practiced medicine in Ligonier and Beaver Falls for many years and moved later to Kansas. Dr. Cummings was born in Ligonier, and was the son of Dr. Samuel Cummings, who in his day was one of the leading pioneer physicians of that place. Dr. J. Mathiot Cummings died in 1905, but his wife is still living in Larned, Kansas.

Linda C. Sargent and Matilda Sargent, who is now Mrs. Frank Connely, are also living in Larned, Kansas.

William Dunlap Sargent, the youngest son, was born in Ligonier. After





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the family moved to Harrisburg he became a telegraph operator on the Pennsylvania railroad. At the beginning of the Civil War he was telegraph operator in the government service and was stationed at the headquarters of General A. E. Burnside, at Centerville, Md., where he was engaged at the time of the Morgan raid. He lost his health, and returned to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company. He was later removed to Chicago on the staff of C. H. Sumner, and then to New York on the staff of Anson Stager. Later Mr. Sargent removed to Philadelphia where he became superintendent of the American Electric Telegraph Company, which was instituted in 1873 under his supervision. He was later associated with Thomas F. Cornish, who had secured a franchise for telegraph lines in Pennsylvania and the states of Delaware and New Jersey to connect Philadelphia with headquarters in Philadelphia, and remained with him until 1883, when he accepted a position with the New York and New Jersey Electric Telegraph Company, with headquarters in Brooklyn, New York, of which he was made vice president. He married in 1903, Mary Forward, daughter of Judge Francis J. Kooser, of Somerset. They reside in Harrisburg, Pa.

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**WILSON BAUGHMAN**, late of Greensburg, came from a very numerous Pennsylvania German family. He was the third son of Daniel and Mary McCreedy Baughman, who had six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. The family lived on a farm in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, and were a very industrious and patriotic people, Daniel Baughman being regarded as one of the best patriots of the homestead was near Hannastown.

Wilson Baughman was born December 1, 1811, on a farm near Greensburg, where he did general farm work, and was sent to the common schools. He was thirteen years old, at which time he came to Greensburg to work as a clerk in the general store of Augustus Stoy, the store being in the building which the Keck building now stands. He remained in the employ of Stoy for six years, when he purchased the business and stock of goods. Under his management the stock of books was increased, and he soon built up a large trade not only in Greensburg but in the surrounding country, and in later years had customers from all parts of the county, for he was a pioneer in the stationery business. His store was at first in the Market building. Afterwards he built and occupied the building known as the Baughman building on the corner of Main and West Pittsburgh streets. He remained in this business about thirty years, and sold out and went away only when other business matters demanded his entire attention. When he retired from this business he had undoubtedly the largest book and stationery business in the county. In 1881, on the death of Thomas J. Barclay, the leading Greensburg banker, he became president of the Barclay Bank, a position which he filled with great credit to himself and his business associates until his death. He married Sarah S. Barclay, a daughter of John A. Barclay and a sister of Thomas J. Barclay. She was born in Greensburg, Pa., March 15, 1834, died March 13, 1884. She was undoubtedly a woman of more than ordinary intellectual attainments, and was credited by her husband with bringing about in a large degree the success which attended his efforts in 1881. The Barclay family is treated of elsewhere in these pages.



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Mr. Baughman was noted all his life for paying most strict attention to whatever business he engaged in. He had great faith in real estate investments and in the future of Greensburg. He accordingly invested his accumulations largely in real estate in this vicinity. This rapidly increased in value and made him at his death one of the wealthiest men in the county. He was by nature a man of athletic build, lived an abstemious and most exemplary life, and was apparently in perfect health until his death, which occurred suddenly and without previous sickness, on December 12, 1895. Mr. Baughman's leading characteristic was his lifelong close attention to business. While with a limited circle of friends, to whom he was most loyal, he was known as a man of jovial disposition, who relished most keenly all kinds of amusement, yet the summing up of his life is that he was essentially a man of business. He had, however, an acute intellect and an energetic disposition which would have made him successful in any vocation he might have chosen to follow. Though he led an extremely busy life he had found time to delve deeply into the best English and American literature. Both he and his wife were active workers in the Episcopal church of Greensburg, and in his will he remembered his church in a substantial way.

FRANK M. WELCH. The grandfather of Frank M. Welch, of New Kensington, was Elisha Welch, who was born near Chicago and was one of the pioneers of Illinois, where he led the life of a farmer. He married Mary Osborn, of West Virginia, and two of their children were massacred by Indians, the survivors being: Edwin Elisha, a soldier in the Union army, served three years and re-enlisted, and a short time after was taken prisoner and was in Andersonville prison several months, and died in the prison. He served in Company B, One Hundred and Twelfth, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and had seen hard service during his first three years campaign. Alfonzo, local preacher in Welch, Washington state. Lucy, wife of Patrick Foley. George H., mentioned hereinafter. Mr. Welch, the father, was one of the victims of an epidemic of cholera.

George H. Welch, son of Elisha and Mary (Osborn) Welch, was born April 18, 1841, near St. Vincent, Illinois, and in 1861 enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Twelfth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving three years. After the war he went to Allegheny, where he worked for about fifteen years at the cooper's trade, and for the remainder of his life was in business for himself as a drayman. His wife was Annie Kelley, and their children were: George H., Edwin E., of Alliance, Ohio; Frank M., mentioned hereinafter; Ida, wife of George Eckert, of Allegheny; Annie, wife of John Engeman, of East Pittsburg; Mary, and John, of Alliance, Ohio, employed on the Fort Wayne railroad. The death of the father of the family occurred July 25, 1885.

Frank M. Welch, son of George H. and Annie (Kelley) Welch, was born September 1, 1866, in Allegheny City, where he was educated in the common schools. At the age of eleven years he began working as an errand boy for W. P. Price, with whom he remained about eighteen months. After working for the same length of time for John Limegrover, he served for two years as bartender at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and was then employed for a time by his father. In 1886 he took a position with the Adams Express Company, which he retained until 1891. From that year until 1899 he was traveling salesman for Walker Stratman's fertilizer plant, and was then elected superintendent of the plant, a position which he retained until 1902. In that year he moved to New Kensington and leased the Hotel Windsor, of which he

is still the successful proprietor. He is a member of the Homeless Twenty-six, of Pittsburg, and Lodge No. 112, American Mechanics, of Allegheny City, in which he has passed all chairs. Mr. Welch married Annie Haines, of Rochester, Pennsylvania.

**ROBERT CRUMLEY.** Stonebridge Crumley, grandfather of Robert Crumley, of New Kensington, was born in Germany, whence he emigrated to the United States, settling in Virginia, where he passed the remainder of his life. He married and was the father of the following children: William, died in the hospital during the war of 1812; Rebecca, died unmarried; John, died in Indiana; Rachel, and Henry, mentioned hereinafter.

Henry Crumley, son of Stonebridge Crumley, was born January, 1800, in Frederick county, Virginia, and was a tanner, following his trade for a number of years. He also worked as a teamster between Baltimore and West Virginia. He was a member of the Society of Friends. Mr. Crumley married Adeline Lailor, and their children were: Hattie, of Parkersburg, West Virginia; Peachey, deceased; Andrew J., of Williamstown, West Virginia; Henry and Robert (twins), the latter mentioned hereinafter. The death of Mr. Crumley occurred in 1884.

Robert Crumley, son of Henry and Adeline (Lailor) Crumley, was born July 17, 1849, on the old homestead in Frederick county, Virginia, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for a number of years in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He also worked as a carpenter and millwright in the oil fields. In 1864 he was employed by the government as a teamster, remaining in the service until the close of the war. On May 18, 1892, he arrived in New Kensington, being one of the pioneer settlers, and has ever since worked there as a carpenter and millwright, having fitted up the rolling mills. He is treasurer of the Carpenter's Union, and affiliates with Lodge No. 1048, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all chairs. He is also treasurer of the Encampment. Mr. Crumley married Mary Belle Davis, of Virginia, and their children were: Herbert D., a student at Mount Union College, Ohio; Clara Estella, wife of Samuel Love, of Braddock, Pennsylvania; Edward H., a graduate of Parnassus high school, and clerk of Pittsburg tin works; Carl Robert, timekeeper for the Union Springs Manufacturing Company of New Kensington; Floyd Glendale, storekeeper at the Pittsburg works of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company; Ulmont Sherman, at school. The mother of these children died March 4, 1892, and Mr. Crumley subsequently married Roxannah Huffman.

William E. Taylor, half-brother of Mr. Crumley, enlisted in the United States army as assistant sergeant on the old Savannah, and is still in the service, being now stationed at Honolulu.

**HARRY H. PFEIFFER.** Charles Pfeiffer, father of Harry H. Pfeiffer of New Kensington, was born in Germany, and in 1880 emigrated to the United States, settling in Pittsburg, where for about five years he worked at his trade of shoemaker. He then moved to Saxonburg, Butler county, where he conducted a livery business for about fourteen years. In 1896 he went to New Kensington and there for some years continued in the same line of work. He is now employed by the Independent Brewing Company. He affiliates with the Maccabees and is a member of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Pfeiffer married, before leaving Germany, Amelia Glantz, and they had children: Annie, wife of William Sayer, of Pittsburg; Charles, of New Kensington; Lizzie, clerk in Kaufman's store, Pittsburg; Albert, roller at Can-

onsburg, Pennsylvania; William, of New Kensington; Harry H., mentioned hereinafter; and Herman, of New Kensington. The mother of these children died in 1887, and Mr. Pfeiffer subsequently married Mrs. Minnie Wagner, *nee* Konrump, and their children were: Walter, Fritz, Wilber, and Howard, deceased.

Harry H. Pfeiffer, son of Charles and Amelia (Glantz) Pfeiffer, was born January 30, 1884, in Saxonburg, where he received his education in the common schools. He learned the plumber's trade with W. T. Griffith, of Pittsburg, and in 1904 engaged in business for himself in New Kensington, where he is now building up a very profitable connection. He is a member of the First Lutheran church.

WILLIAM STEEL, of Salem township, was born in Mount Pleasant township, October 1, 1833, on the Steel homestead farm, on land taken up by his grandfather, James Steel, which land was granted to him by the Penns. In 1826, his father, John Steel purchased a large farm near Hannastown, in Salem and Hempfield townships, and in 1835 he moved to it, bringing his son William with him. This is perhaps one of the most historical spots in western Pennsylvania, for on it was situated the famous Hannastown, our first county seat, a fuller description of which will be found in the first volume of this series of books. It was originally the farm of Judge Robert Hanna and contained three hundred acres.

William Steel's grandfather, James Steel, was born at Castle Blaney, near Carrick Macross, Ireland, about 1741. He came to America after the Steel Boy Insurrection in 1772. On his way westward he sojourned a short time east of the mountains in the noted Scotch-Irish settlements, in what was then Cumberland county, now Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and came westward across the mountains in 1773, settling on land in Sewickley Manor, now Mount Pleasant township, of this county, arriving there about the time of the formation of Westmoreland county (1773). Here he bought land from the Penns and became a prominent land owner in his day. This land has since become immensely valuable, for it is in the coking coal region of the celebrated Connellsville seam. The tract contained four hundred acres and has never since been out of the Steel name, but has passed down through his descendants and is now owned by his great-grandson, Joseph W. Steel, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He was a soldier in the Revolution for three years, and was in the campaign of the Jerseys with Robert and Andrew Donaldson, his brothers-in-law. Like all Scotch-Irish, he was an agitator for freedom. He was also a member of the Mount Pleasant Associators, a very important pioneer military organization. He took the oath of allegiance before Justice Hugh Martin, March 3, 1777, as is shown by our court records.

James Steel married (first) Elizabeth McMasters, a sister of James McMasters, who owned the farm on which Hecla is now located. He had the following children by her: 1. Joseph, intermarried with Barbary Blystone, of Franklin township. 2. Jane, intermarried with William Hunter, whose descendants still live near Perrysville and Lowdensville in Richland county, Ohio. His wife dying about the close of the Revolution, he married Elizabeth Donaldson, who is said to have been his cousin. By this union were born three children: 3. Elizabeth, born September 24, 1785, intermarried with Alexander Hamilton, of near Ruffsdales, Pennsylvania. 4. James, born September 17, 1787, the day upon which the United States constitution was ratified. He was intermarried with Martha McCutcheon, of Franklin township. 5. John, the father of William Steel, the subject of this sketch. John



*William Steel*



Steel was born April 7, 1789, and was married to his cousin, Martha Walker, a daughter of Andrew and Salley (Donaldson) Walker, of Virginia, their place being now included in that part of West Virginia which lies near Steubenville, Ohio. James Steel, the father, was the owner of slaves in Westmoreland county, all of whom he manumitted as is shown by our court record. He died September 10, 1823, and is buried at the Middle Presbyterian church yard, Mount Pleasant township.

John Steel acquired the homestead in Mount Pleasant township and, as is noted above, purchased the Robert Hanna farm in 1826. Upon his removing there it became the homestead farm of the Steels, and at his death he bequeathed it to his son, William Steel, the present owner. The children of John and Martha (Walker) Steel were as follows: 1. Sarah, intermarried with Henry Byers, of Grapeville, Pennsylvania. 2. Eliza, intermarried with Andrew Machesney, of Greensburg. 3. James, intermarried with Elizabeth Hanna, of Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania. 4. Joseph Walker, intermarried with Malinda Brechbill, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. 5. John, intermarried with Susan Geiger, near Beatty, Pennsylvania. 6. Margaret, intermarried with James M. Steel, of Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. 7. Mary J., intermarried with Henry T. Hanna, of Smithton, Pennsylvania. 8. Martha, intermarried with Major David P. Mechling, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. 9. William Steel, born October 1, 1833, intermarried with Sarah Jane Brown, of near New Alexandria, Pennsylvania. All of this family are now dead except William Steel and Mary J. Hanna. John Steel, their father, was one of the best of business men and one of the largest land owners in his county. His wife dying, he contracted another marriage, with Mary Byers, by whom there were no children. He died May 22, 1860, and was buried in the Congruity Presbyterian church yard. Sarah J. Brown, the wife of William Steel, was a daughter of Thomas Oliver and Nancy Beatty Brown, and was born and brought up near New Alexandria. For her family genealogy see the sketch of Judge John B. Steel. Mrs. Sarah J. Brown Steel, after a lingering illness, died March 25, 1906, and was buried in the New Alexandria cemetery. The children of this union were: 1. John B., (see sketch of Judge John B. Steel above referred to). 2. Mary Herron, intermarried with George N. Coleman, of East End, Pittsburg. 3. Eliza Martha, intermarried with Samuel C. Patterson, and living near New Alexandria, Pennsylvania. 4. Agnes Beatty, intermarried with George S. Barnhart, who lives near Greensburg, Pennsylvania. 5. Helen Milligan, intermarried with Samuel O. Hugus, and lives near New Alexandria Pennsylvania. 6. Margaret Elder, intermarried with Samuel B. Moore, and lives near Latrobe, Pennsylvania. 7. Clara Malinda, residing at home. 8. William Oliver Steel, deceased. 9. Joseph Walker Steel. 10. Sarah Jane Steel, both of whom are unmarried and residing at their home. 11. Henrietta Marie, intermarried with L. A. Nichols, and lives in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

William Steel has added many acres by purchase to the Hannastown farm since he has been the owner. It lies between the Jamison No. 2 and Jamison No. 3 plants of the Jamison Coal and Coke Company, and is underlaid with a thick vein of coking coal. All his life he has been a very successful farmer. He was the first in the county to engage in the breeding of short horned cattle. A herd of short horns which he raised and disposed of in 1882 has been felt in all parts of the county. He has also been a great fancier of horses, has made two trips to Scotland for the purpose of purchasing horses, and has made three importations of the Clydesdale horses to his farm in

Hempfield township. The Steel family have for generations been members of the "Seceder" church and later of the United Presbyterian church, although the family of William Steel are largely members of the Covenanter church, of which Mrs. Steel and her ancestors have been influential members for several generations. Mr. Steel has always been an active and energetic member of the Republican party. In 1866 and 1867 he built his present splendid residence and barn, which are without doubt among the best in Westmoreland county. His chief characteristics are his untiring energy, foresight, industry and integrity. Although seventy-three years old he is still actively engaged in business relative to his estate.

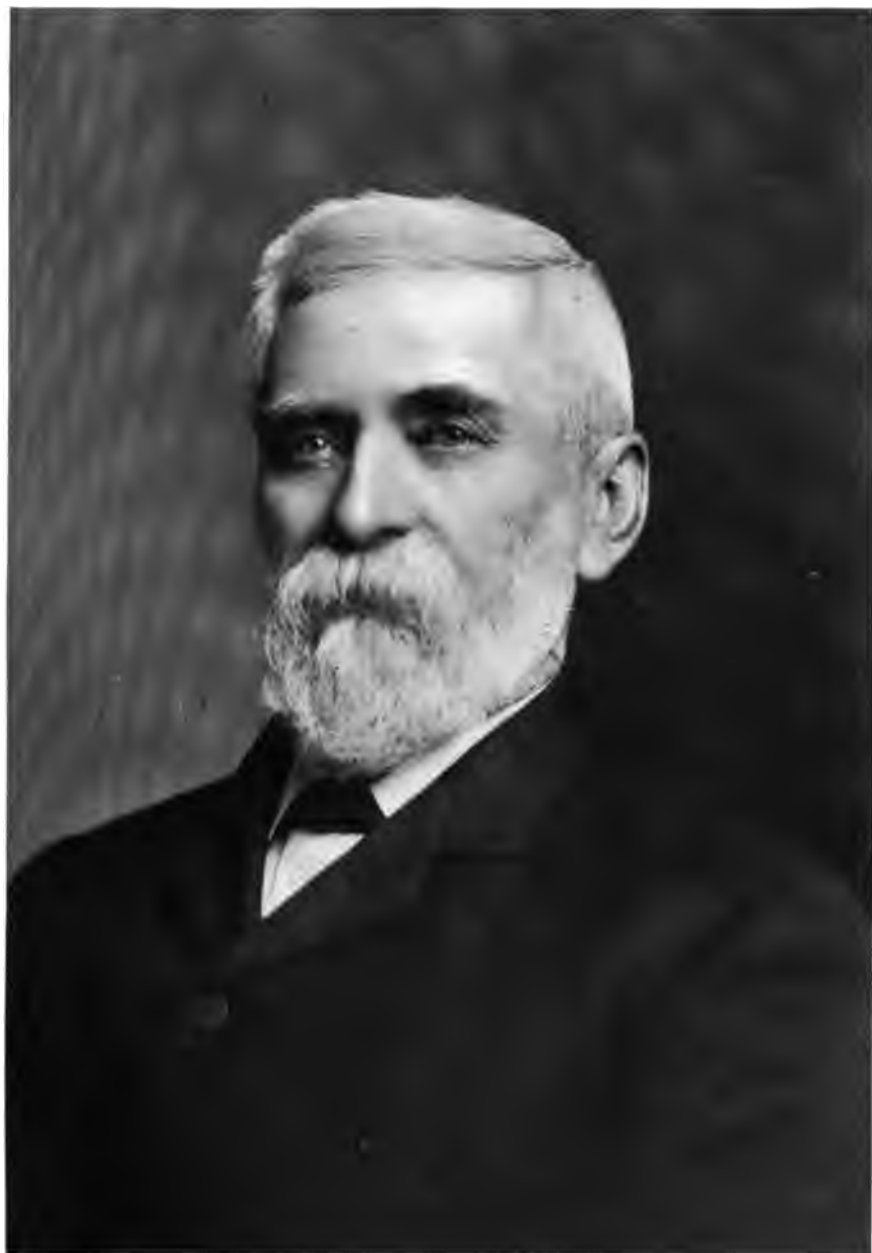
JACOB G. WEAVER, a well-known mill owner in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a descendant of a family which has been prominently connected with the commercial and church interests of the state for a great many years. They came originally from Germany.

(1) Rev. John William Weber, founder of what is now known as the Weaver family, was born in Fehdingen, province of Wittgenstein, Germany, March 5, 1735. He received his earlier education in Westphalia, Germany, and took a course of theological studies in Stockholm, Sweden. He emigrated to America in 1762 and settled in New Jersey. He had charge of Reformed churches in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, in 1782-3. Reformed people from the eastern counties, as well as from Maryland and Virginia, came as settlers to Westmoreland county some years before the Revolution, and thus in 1782-3 we find a request was made to Rev. Coetus for a Reformed minister. Answering their petition, Rev. John William Weber was accordingly sent them, and he entered upon his work in the beginning of June, 1783. He preached at Harrolds and Brush Creek, in Hempfield township; at Kintighs, in Mount Pleasant township; at the Ridge, in Unity township; and he was the founder of the German Evangelical Lutheran church at Sixth and Smithfield streets, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where most probably no stated services or organized congregation existed before he came, as there were less than one hundred rude log huts outside the fort at that time. His pastorate over these churches extended over a period of thirty-three years. On his arrival he had to find a home in a rude log cabin until he secured a more suitable place. He purchased a farm on the Sewickley creek, afterward owned by Colonel Israel Painter, and here he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring in July, 1816. He was buried in Milliron cemetery, and a suitable monument marks his last resting place.

He married (first) October 5, 1767, Maria Agnes Born, a native of Ober-cortens, Baden-Baden, Germany, with whom he became acquainted on ship-board, while crossing the ocean in 1762. She was born January 18, 1743. Their children were: John, born July 17, 1768; Marie Catherine, June 21, 1770; Elenora Phillippena, January 20, 1772; John William, Jr., July 31, 1774, in Morrisville, Sussex county, New Jersey; Elizabeth, November 29, 1776, in Plainfield, Northampton county, Pennsylvania; Abraham, January 23, 1779; Jacob, March 22, 1781; John Nicholas, July 25, 1784.

The mother of these children died at the birth of John Nicholas. Rev. John William married (second) Mrs. Maria Robinson, November 11, 1784, a daughter of Adam Sarver, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He was married by Rev. Finley, and by this marriage their children were: Maria Martha, born October 11, 1785; a son, born August 12, 1787; Daniel, July 15, 1789; Maria Magdalena, November 28, 1790; Hannah, April 9, 1791; Anna Margareta, June 20, 1793; Catharine, April 12, 1795; Adam, May 20, 1797; Susanna,





*J. G. Weaver*



September 16, 1799; Christena, May 14, 1802; Daniel Lewis, August 26, 1804.

(II) John William Weaver, Jr., son of Rev. John William (I) and Maria Agnes (Born) Weaver, was born in Morrisville, Sussex county, New Jersey, July 31, 1774. He removed with his family to what is now known as Weaver's Mills, Cook township, in 1812, where he purchased a farm of three hundred acres of land, most of it heavily timbered, and resided there until his death, December 28, 1828. Several years prior to the purchase of the above mentioned farm, a grist mill had been built thereon, and Mr. Weaver continued the milling business in connection with farming throughout the active years of his life. He was a man of giant strength, and weighed three hundred pounds. His wife, also, was of extraordinary size and strength, and weighed upward of two hundred pounds. After the death of her husband, she continued to live on the farm until her death, May 9, 1855. Their remains are buried side by side in the cemetery near the site of the old Dutch Reformed church, two miles south of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, now destroyed, they being members of the same. This is one of the oldest church organizations in the Ligonier valley. A suitable monument marks their grave. Their children all lived to maturity, and were of more than average size. John William Weaver, Jr., married, in 1802, Anna Mary Ankeny, born January 11, 1787, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and their children were: 1. Christian A., born September 4, 1803, married Magdalena Mechling, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1826. For his second wife he married Anna Catharine Kinsley, of Stuttgart, Germany, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1841; all his children are dead except Mrs. Sophie L. Howland, of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. 2. Elizabeth, born May 25, 1805, married Solomon Blank, of Hempfield township. Two of their daughters—Josephine M. Zimmerman and Mary Feightner—reside in Greensburg. Elizabeth Blank died March 3, 1895. 3. Mary Ann, born November 2, 1806, died unmarried September 13, 1890. 4. William, of whom later. 5. Rosanna, married Frederick Amborse, and left a family of four sons and three daughters. 6. Jacob, married Matilda Harrold, of Adamsburg, Pennsylvania, and left a family of two sons and three daughters. Jacob died April 16, 1896. 7. Margaret, married Daniel Rhoads, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, no children; died May 9, 1855. 8. Catherine, married John Gensinger, of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, and had children: George and William, residents of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. 9. Martha, born June 14, 1816, died July 14, 1901, unmarried. 10. John, born April 18, 1817, married Susan Ankney, had two sons and seven daughters; died in Prohibition, Ohio, March 19, 1905. 11. Hannah, married William Rumbaugh, of Hempfield township, and left four sons and three daughters. 12. Joseph, born February 18, 1819, married Nancy Rice, of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, left one son and one daughter; died February 13, 1887. 13. George, married Anna Catherine Wilson, left two daughters; died September 26, 1851. 14. Isaac, born November 25, 1824, married Elizabeth Shupe; died December 9, 1901, leaving one son: Richard Shupe Weaver. 15. Lewis M., born February 18, 1828, died May 19, 1903, unmarried.

(III) William Weaver, fourth child and second son of John William, Jr., (2), and Anna Mary (Ankeny) Weaver, was born September 18, 1807. He resided at home at the time of his father's death, took charge of the mill, and lived with his mother until his marriage. He was what may be called a four square man, strong on all sides, of sterling honesty and integrity, and a leader in the community in which he lived. He was a staunch Democrat all his life, his first presidential vote being cast for General Jackson, and he never failed to record his vote at the elections. He served as a school director for

many years, and was a commissioned officer in the militia of the state. He was a member of the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian church from his early manhood, and served as a ruling elder for more than half a century. He was widely known as a churchman, took a scholarship in the organization of Washington and Jefferson College, represented his church in her several church courts at Presbytery frequently, and was several times a member of the synod. His seat in the church was seldom vacant, and as a Bible reader he had few equals among the common people. At the death of his father in 1828 he took charge of the grist mill and continued to operate it until 1842, when he became the owner of the same, the property having been partitioned and he taking that part at the valuation placed upon it, his brother Isaac accepting the remainder. William continued the business until March 4, 1861, when his son, Jacob G. Weaver, succeeded him. He resided on the old homestead until his death, April 15, 1896. He married, September 7, 1837, Jane Grove, of Donegal township, born September 16, 1811, died April 16, 1888. Their children were: 1. Mary, born September 10, 1838, married Lewis N. Phillippi, resides in Milan, Kansas. 2. Jacob G., of whom later. 3. Margaret, born April 27, 1846, married J. W. Phillippi, of Kregar, Pennsylvania. 4. William C., born October 17, 1847, married Sarah J. Prissy, of Somerset county, and resides in Somerset, Pennsylvania. 5. Lewis A., born December 12, 1852, married Mary E. Lawson, and resides in Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Jacob G. Weaver, eldest son and second child of William (3) and Jane (Grove) Weaver, was born May 28, 1840. He was engaged in teaching school for several terms prior to attaining his majority. He engaged in the milling business March 4, 1861, in the grist mill which had been owned and operated by various members of the Weaver family for almost a century. It has been built more than one hundred years on land patented to General Arthur St. Clair for services rendered during the War of the Revolution, and was afterward owned by John Spring, who built the mill in 1802. It was purchased by John William, Jr., in 1812, and from that time continued in the Weaver family. Jacob G. Weaver operated it on shares until 1867, when the entire mill was torn down and a new frame building erected on the site of the old log house, and it was greatly enlarged. The business was then conducted under the firm name of William Weaver & Son, until 1886, when Jacob G. purchased the property from his father, remodeled the mill, enlarged the building, equipped it with the latest improved machinery, thus making it a full roller process mill, with a capacity of thirty to forty barrels. He continued to operate the mill until 1892, when he retired and his son, William T. Weaver, took charge of the business and is still conducting the same in the name of Weaver Brothers, making an excellent grade of flour.

In politics Jacob G. Weaver has always been a Democrat. He served as school director seven terms, and was commissioned a justice of the peace for six consecutive terms. He was the candidate of his party for the legislature, but failed of election, the county being strongly Republican. He has been a member of Pleasant Grove Presbyterian church for nearly half a century, and a ruling elder for forty years. He represented his church in the presbytery many times, twice in the synod, and once as commissioner to the general assembly. He took an active part in church matters, being a very regular attendant. The Pleasant Grove church was organized in 1781. The first church building in which they worshiped was built of round logs and served its purpose for some years. When the country became more thickly settled a larger house of worship was a necessity, and this was built of hewn logs and served the triple purpose of church, dwelling and schoolhouse. The school-

master occupied half of the lower story and the second story as his dwelling place, and the other half of the lower story was used for church services and as a schoolhouse, where spelling, reading, writing and the fundamental rules of arithmetic were taught. There was no time devoted to other branches in those days. The building was thus used until 1832, when it was too small for church purposes owing to the increase in population, and schoolhouses had been built in various places in this locality, namely: Mansville, Stahlstown, one farther up the valley, known as the Franklin schoolhouse, and one about one mile east of the location of the old log house, and which was known as the stone jug schoolhouse. These schoolhouses were all built of stone, having very thick walls, small windows, and were heated with wood fire in what is known as the old ten plate stove. A large and commodious church building was erected in 1832, close by the log building. The new edifice was forty-five feet wide and sixty-five feet long, a fourteen foot story at the outer walls and eighteen feet in the center. It has a seating capacity of five hundred. The walls, which are of stone, are very thick and are still used for a church building, the edifice having been remodeled in 1892, covered with tin shingle roof, all inside of the walls made new, fitted with modern pews and furniture, and heated with a hot air furnace. The church is built on five acres of land conveyed to the trustees of the Presbyterian church in Donegal township, "the name being changed afterward to Pleasant Grove Presbyterian church," by Robert Campbell, who served as a ruling elder in this church for sixty-five years, and who was commonly called Elder Bob. When a mere boy he was captured by the Indians; his mother and a small child were killed, their house burned, and two brothers and two sisters with Robert were carried off. One brother never returned, the other brother and the two sisters were returned after several years, but Robert was kept for seven years. He then returned, and lived and died on the farm from which he had been carried off. The other brother and sisters resided for many years in the same neighborhood. Robert Campbell died in 1857, at the extreme old age of ninety-nine years, and his remains were interred close by the old stone church, where a monument marks his grave. Notwithstanding the great age of this church, it has had but eight pastors, namely: Rev. George Hill, Rev. Samuel Swan, Rev. Albert B. Clark, Rev. David Harbison, Rev. John A. Brown, Rev. Ross Stevenson, Rev. E. G. McKinley, and the present pastor, Rev. E. H. Dickinson. Mr. Weaver owns and resides on the farm on which he was born, and is highly esteemed and respected by all with whom he is brought in contact.

He married, December 4, 1860, Sarah Jane Hood, born October 4, 1841, in Cook township, daughter of John and Elizabeth (McClellan) Hood, of Cook township. John Hood was a son of William and Catherine (Felgar) Hood, pioneer settlers of the upper end of Ligonier valley, and Methodists in religion. Elizabeth (McClellan) Hood was a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Matthews) McClellan, who were also among the pioneer settlers of the county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver: 1. John Hood, born January 20, 1862, died August 24, 1877. 2. Emma Jane, born March 22, 1864, died August 12, 1877. 3. Mary E., born July 17, 1866, married, September, 1885. Jacob M. Grove, a descendant of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather having served in the War of the Revolution. Mr. Grove is a graduate of Iron City Business College, is engaged in teaching school and farming in Cook township, is a Presbyterian in religion, and a Democrat in politics. They have five children: Clyde, born August 12, 1886, died July 2, 1901; May Belle, July 10, 1889; William Earl, May 15, 1891; Jacob Weaver, August 13, 1896; Mary Jane, November 11, 1898.

William T. born July 24, 1870, succeeded his father in the milling business, acquired a common school education, is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian church. He married, December 21, 1893, Rachel Weller, daughter of Ambrose and Jane (Withrow) Weller, and their children are: Sarah Jane, born May 31, 1895; William Barron, December 31, 1897, died January 23, 1899; James Frederick, February 23, 1901; Hiram Withrow, October 27, 1902, died September 23, 1903. Milton Henry, born August 3, 1873, died August 29, 1877. 6. Josephine Margaret, born November 3, 1876, died September 10, 1877. 7. Ross Stevenson, born November 26, 1878, married, October 8, 1903, Nellie Buell, daughter of Rev. John S. Buell, of the United Brethren church, whose ancestors came from Kentucky and are related to the Buell stock, of which General Buell, of military fame, was a member. Ross S. Weaver is the proprietor of a general store at Weaver's Mills, is a Presbyterian in religion, and a Democrat in politics. He has one daughter, Olive Catharine, born September 11, 1905. 8. Zerelda Pearl, born October 8, 1882, is unmarried and resides at home with her parents.

JOHN D. STEINER, of Hempfield township, a farmer and carpenter, was born in the township in which he now resides, September 6, 1834, the son of Daniel and Mary (Altman) Steiner, and grandson of John and Susanna Steiner, who were the parents of the following children: Daniel, mentioned hereinafter; Jacob, married Elizabeth Thomas; Anna, married David William; Joseph, married Susanna Miller; Philip, married Elizabeth Fox; Henry, married Anna Whitehead; Mary, married John Miller; Elizabeth, married Michael Iseman; John, married Sophia Mench. John Steiner (grandfather) died 1861, aged eighty-four years, and his wife died 1855.

Daniel Steiner (father) was born in Hempfield township, Pennsylvania. March, 1801, died April, 1851. He was a farmer, a member of the Lutheran church, and always supported the Republican party. He married Mary Altman, and their children were: 1. Jacob, married Polly Rosensteel, had one daughter, Sarah, who married Amos Miller, of Wilkinsburg; Polly (Rosensteel) Steiner, died about one year after their marriage and Jacob, married Mariah Mench, of Middletown, and their children are: George, August, William, Herman and Daniel. 2. Eliza, married Jacob Baker, of Armstrong county, and their children are: Elizabeth, Kate, Sophia, Leah, John and Sarah. 3. Michael, married Katherine Wentzel, daughter of Philip Wentzel, a farmer of Hempfield township, and their children were: Philip Marian, married Mary French, daughter of Alexander French, and they have four children: Maggie, married Lewis Jones; Alice, married James Fox, and had one son; Harry, married Leah Kunkle, and had one son; George, resides at Lewis Ratter; Sadie, deceased; and Anna, resides in Greensburg. 4. Leah, married Philip S. Baer, a farmer of Hempfield township, and their children were: Henry, married Matilda Lee, had one son, Gilmore; Kate, married Amos Beirer, a farmer of Ohio, and their children were: Lillian, Ray, Martin, William and Alice, all at home; Adam, married ———, and had one son; Anna, married James C. Wentzel, a contractor of Greensburg, son of Isaac Wentzel, and their children were: Arthur W., died July 16, 1890, aged eleven years, seven months and ten days; Garfield, a surveyor for a railroad company; William, a musician; John, married Laura Wright, and their children were: Mildred and Russel; Tarl, married Daisy Fletcher, and their children were: Arthur and Elizabeth; Daniel, married Margaret Fletcher, one child, Ethel; William, married Ena Madden, has four children, and resides on a farm out west; Lucy; Elizabeth,





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and two who died in childhood. 5. John D., mentioned her name, married Isaac Mench, and died soon after her marriage. 7. Daniel, son of Isaac Mench, of Greensburg, and their children were: Mary, married John of Middletown; and their children were: James, married Abigail; Harry, an infant, deceased; Isaac, married Livina Henry; George, married Minnie; Lucy; William, at home; William, married Mary; Michael and Daniel. 8. Daniel D., married Mary Miller, daughter of Brad Miller, a farmer of Hempfield township, and their children were: married Jacob Wentzel, son of David Wertzol, a farmer of Hempfield township; she died October 6, 1905; Lillian, married Joseph Wentzel; and three sons who died in childhood.

John D. Steiner, whose name heads this sketch, learned the carpenter with Michael Miller and has followed it during the greater part of his life. He is one of the veterans of the Civil war, having been a member of Company H, One Hundred and Sixty eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, under Captain John Todd Fulton, in the nine months' service from which he was honorably discharged. He then re-enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty eighth Regiment, in 1863, under Captain Powell, and was finally discharged in 1864. Mr. Steiner is a Democrat, and in church relations is connected with the Lutheran church.

He married in November, 1861, Elizabeth Mench, and their children were: 1. John, died in childhood. 2. Mariah E., born August 5, 1869, married Frank A. Steiner, a lumber dealer of South Greensburg, and they have three children: Stella, deceased; Edna and Lillian, at home. 3. Charles Wakefield, born April 6, 1871, married Laura Jane Org, and their children were: Mabel, Grace, deceased; Violet May, and Burnas Adams. 4. John, born September 6, 1874, died September 6, 1886. 5. Mrs. Elizabeth Steiner died September 16, 1877. Mr. Steiner married (second time) Mary Ann, daughter of Reuben G. Altman, employed on the farm of John D. Steiner, and their children are: Arthur Clarence, born August 5, 1878, married May 13, 1884, married, June 28, 1904, Lewis Ruttle, one child, born May 27, 1887, born December 6, 1887; Anna L., born December 17, 1888. The children are at home.

**HEAD FAMILY.** The first purely American ancestor of the family of Latrobe, of which Judge John B. Head and Joseph C. Head are members, was William B. Head. He was of English parentage, but was born in the northern part of Virginia. From the place of his birth he removed to Frederick county, Maryland, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He survived the Revolutionary war, died in ————, and was buried near his home.

His son John was born and brought up a farmer, and was united in marriage with Sophia Greene, of Maryland. In 1830 he removed from Frederick county, Maryland, to Youngstown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and remained there until his death. He and his wife were the parents of eight children. John Head was a Whig in the early part of the last century, but became a Democrat in the first Jackson campaign. He was born an English member of the American form of the Church of England, for which his ancestors were members, but became a Roman Catholic. He died near Youngstown, Pennsylvania, and his wife is buried side by side in the Catholic cemetery near there.

William S. Head was the oldest son of John and Sophia Greene. He was born on the farm in Maryland, in August, 1823. When thirteen years of age he came to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, as a member of the Head family. He attended the country schools in his youth, and at the high school



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and two who died in childhood. 5. John D., mentioned hereinafter. 6. Mary, married Isaac Mench, and died soon after her marriage. 7. Lucy, married Isaac Mench, of Greensburg, and their children were: Mary, married John Fox, of Middletown, and their children were: James, married Alice Steiner, one son; Harry, an infant, deceased; Isaac, married Livinia Henry, one daughter, Catherine Minnie; Lucy; William, at home; William, married Laura Miller; Michael and Daniel. 8. Daniel D., married Mary Miller, daughter of Conrad Miller, a farmer of Hempfield township, and their children were: Laura, married Jacob Wentzel, son of David Wentzel, a farmer of Hempfield township; she died October 6, 1905; Lillian, married Joseph Wentzel, brother of Jacob Wentzel; and three sons who died in childhood.

John D. Steiner, whose name heads this sketch, learned the trade of carpenter with Michael Miller and has followed it during the greater part of his life. He is one of the veterans of the Civil war, having been a member of Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, under Captain John Todd Fulton, in the nine months' service, from which he was honorably discharged. He then re-enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and First Regiment, in 1863, under Captain Powell, and was finally discharged in May, 1864. Mr. Steiner is a Democrat, and in church relations is connected with the Lutheran church.

He married, in November, 1861, Elizabeth Mench, and their children were: 1. John, died in childhood. 2. Mariah E., born August 5, 1869, married Frank A. Steiner, a lumber dealer of South Greensburg, and they have three children: Stella, deceased; Edna and Lillian, at home. 3. James Wakefield, born April 6, 1871, married Laura Jane Ong, and their children were: Mable, Grace, deceased; Violet May, and Burnas Adaline. 4. John Todd, born September 6, 1874, died September 6, 1880. Mrs. Elizabeth (Mench) Steiner died September 16, 1877. Mr. Steiner married (second) Elizabeth Jane Altman, daughter of Reuben G. Altman, employed on the Pennsylvania railroad, and their children are: Arthur Clarence, born August 5, 1881; Matilda, born May 3, 1884, married, June 28, 1904, Lewis Ruffe, one child, Janet Irene; Lucy M., born December 6, 1887; Anna L., born December 17, 1889; all these children are at home.

**HEAD FAMILY.** The first purely American ancestor of the Head family of Latrobe, of which Judge John B. Head and Joseph C. Head are members, was William B. Head. He was of English parentage, but was born in the northern part of Virginia. From the place of his birth he removed to Frederick county, Maryland, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He served in the Revolutionary war, died in ———, and was buried near his home.

His son John was born and brought up a farmer and was united in marriage with Sophia Greene, of Maryland. In 1836 he removed from Frederick county, Maryland, to Youngstown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and remained there until his death. He and his wife were the parents of eight children. John Head was a Whig in the early part of the last century, but became a Democrat in the first Jackson campaign. He was born an Episcopalian, the American form of the Church of England, of which his ancestors were members, but became a Roman Catholic. He died near Youngstown, in 1838. He and his wife are buried side by side in the Catholic cemetery near Latrobe.

William S. Head was the oldest son of John and Sophia Greene Head, and was born on the farm in Maryland, in August, 1823. When thirteen years of age he came to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, as a member of his father's family. He attended the country schools in his youth, and on the death of his

father began clerking in a store kept by William Anderson, in the then thriving turnpike village of Youngstown. After a few years he formed a partnership with Mr. Anderson, and still later engaged in the mercantile business alone in the same town.

In 1852, when the Pennsylvania Railroad was completed as far west as Pittsburg, the turnpike business was practically abandoned and drawn to the new line of transportation. Mr. Head removed at once to the newly established station of Latrobe, and erected the first house in that now populous town. He also erected warehouses, and was soon extensively engaged in the mercantile business, and continued in it, more or less, for the greater part of his life. In 1873, in company with his brother Joseph, he opened a private bank in Latrobe, and upon the death of his brother in 1875, John B. Head, his son, became his partner in the bank, under the firm name of W. S. Head and Son. In 1888 the bank was chartered as the First National Bank of Latrobe. Mr. Head was made president of the new organization, which position he filled with signal ability till his death.

In 1848 he was united in marriage with Sarah Coulter, who was born in Everett, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1828. She was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wilson) Coulter, and a granddaughter of Joseph Coulter, the Coulters having come from Cumberland county. They were probably of Scotch-Irish ancestry. William S. Head and his wife had ten children born to them, two of whom died in infancy. Eight are yet living. They are: 1. Mary, intermarried with W. A. Johnston, who resides in Latrobe. 2. John B., see sketch. 3. Joseph C., see sketch. 4. William. 5. Richard. 6. Raymond. 7. Harriet. 8. Julia. Harriet and Julia, with most flattering prospects in life before them, relinquished them all for the benefit of others, and in the interests of their church became nuns of the Benedictine and Mercy Orders, respectively.

Like his father, William S. Head was a Democrat in politics and a Roman Catholic in religion. He was most noted for his purely simple Christian character, his high integrity and his clear discernment of all business propositions. His general intelligence and his dignified and honorable bearing in all walks of life made him one of the prominent citizens and at the time of his death he was properly ranked as one of the leading bankers and business men of the county. He died in Latrobe on February 7, 1896. His widow, Mrs. Sarah A. Head, though now nearing four-score years, still survives him and resides in Latrobe.

JOHN B. HEAD was born at Latrobe, April 4, 1855. He attended the parochial schools till he was thirteen years old, when he entered Mt. St. Mary's College, Maryland, from which institution, renowned for its thoroughness, he was graduated in 1873. After graduation he entered his father's banking house, as has been indicated. On May 2, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Naomi Jones, a daughter of Morris and Margaret Jones, of Latrobe, but formerly of Pittsburg.

In 1878 he began to read law in the office of A. A. Stewart, Esq., of Greensburg, and was admitted to the Westmoreland bar in August, 1880. Immediately on his admission he formed a partnership with the late Hon. H. P. Laird, one of the most erudite members of the bar. On the dissolution of the firm he formed a partnership with Mr. James S. Moorhead. The new firm at once took a leadership in the most important litigation of the county. Though the junior member of the firm, Mr. Head performed successfully his share of its arduous duties. Brilliantly successful in any of the varied branches of the





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legal profession, he was probably most noted as an advocate. Whether addressing the court below, a jury of his countrymen, or the Appellate courts, he spoke apparently with equal readiness and potency. In the clearness of his statements, in the logical deductions of his arguments, and in the fluency and purity of his diction, he has been surpassed by no lawyer in Western Pennsylvania in our day.

In 1905 he was nominated by the Democratic state convention at Harrisburg as a candidate for a position on the superior court bench of the state, and was elected in November following. His work on the bench is almost entirely before him, but it is the consensus of opinion among those who know him as a lawyer, that no member of the Westmoreland bar was better fitted than he by ability, by training and by nature, to fill this high position.

Aside from his professional duties he has found time to delve deeply into history, poetry, and philosophy, and into the higher grades of fiction; and his accomplishments in these fields are manifest in the literary polish and classic beauty of even his extemporaneous public speech.

**JOSEPH C. HEAD.** Few men of his years in Western Pennsylvania have achieved as much success in the financial world as Joseph C. Head, a native of Latrobe. He was educated in the parochial schools, and was graduated from Saint Vincent's College in the class of 1878. When his brother, Judge Head, began to read law, he took the position of cashier in his father's bank, though he had not reached his majority by several years. This position he held until 1888, when the banking house of W. S. Head & Son and the Citizens' Banking Company consolidated, forming the First National Bank of Latrobe, of which institution he was elected cashier. This bank has been wonderfully successful, and much of its success is due to his management. It has a capital of \$100,000, surplus profits of \$125,000, deposits of over \$1,000,000, and has paid in dividends to its stockholders over \$300,000. He is now the chief manager of the institution. He has otherwise branched out into business projects, some of which far overshadow his banking business. The Latrobe Steel Company, one of the largest manufacturers of steel in the United States, was induced to locate in Latrobe largely through his influence, and he is one of its chief stockholders. He is also president of the Fort Ligonier Coal Company, vice-president of the Peters Paper Company, president of the Latrobe Electric Light Company, and was secretary and treasurer of the Latrobe Street Railway Company until it transferred its interests to another corporation. He is a director in the Latrobe Brick Company, and is president of the Combination Bridge Company of Sioux City, Iowa.

But perhaps the project which reflects most credit upon his ability as a financier, is the Latrobe Trust Company. It was chartered on February 9th, 1903, and was opened for business April 2nd, 1906. By his untiring efforts it was organized, and Mr. Head became its president. It has a capital stock of \$200,000.00 and a surplus of \$250,000.00—a larger capital stock and surplus than any other financial institution in the county.

On October 30th, 1889, Mr. Head was married to Miss Ella Showalter, a daughter of William A. Showalter, who was one of the pioneer settlers at Latrobe shortly after the completion of the Pennsylvania Railroad. They have three children: 1. Eleanor; 2. Marion; 3. Cecelia.

In politics Mr. Head is a Democrat, and has been councilman and city treasurer of Latrobe. Socially he is a member of the Latrobe Club, the Monongahela Club, and the Oakmont Country Club of Pittsburg, and the Hermitage

Golf Club of Ligonier. Like their parents, Mr. Head and family are Roman Catholics in religion.

**PATTERSON FAMILY.** The Pattersons are one of the oldest Westmoreland families. They are of Irish ancestry on the paternal, and of Scotch ancestry on the maternal side. They are of that stout, sturdy, uncompromising Covenanter stock which always stood firmly for their principles, defying kings, parliaments and ecclesiastical authority when their rights of conscience or of religious thought were in danger. These qualities were transmitted to their descendants, and down to the present generation we find them God-fearing, God-serving men and women of the highest type, good citizens, good fathers, mothers and friends, good business men, whose word is as their bond.

The American ancestor of the family was Samuel Patterson, born in Knockbracken, county of Down, Ireland, in 1766. He was one of a family of three children: 1. Margaret; 2. James, who remained in Ireland, but two of his children are known to have come to America, namely: Susanna, (Mrs. James Shaw) who lived in Derry township. One of her descendants is Doctor Jack, of New Alexandria; and Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Beattie), who lived in the same locality.

Samuel Patterson, the third of the family, came to America in 1793, landing at Philadelphia. His future wife, Catherine Campbell, born 1776, crossed on the same ship. They were married in Philadelphia shortly after landing and remained there a year, where Samuel worked at his trade, weaving. Catherine Campbell's grandfather came from Scotland to America and settled in Franklin county. He was the father of four sons—William, Mark, Andrew and John—and one daughter—Mrs. Briggs. John Campbell's first wife was Sarah Fruity, of England. She bore him: John, Andrew, Catherine (Mrs. Samuel Patterson), Mary (Mrs. Ramsey, of Ohio), Margaret (Mrs. Long), and Hannah. His second wife was a widow—Mrs. Florinda Morrow Shields. One of the children of this second marriage was Annie, who married Samuel Fair. One of their descendants is Professor R. W. Fair, a prominent educator of the country, whose sketch and portrait appear in this work. After a year spent in Philadelphia, Samuel and his wife Catherine joined the Campbells in Franklin county, where two children—Margaret and John—were born. Little is known of their life here, but in the fall of 1797 they came to Derry township, Westmoreland county, crossing the mountains on horseback, where they made their home temporarily with John Campbell, who had come before them to Westmoreland. Here Samuel applied himself with all the energy of his race to the support of his family. He worked at his trade of a weaver, and his industry and economy is made apparent by the fact that he soon purchased a farm. The transfer relates that he paid for the same three hundred English pounds in cash. Samuel now became a husbandman in addition to his trade. In the years following, children were added to the family, and all were taught to bear their share of the farm and workshop burden. Wife and children all worked. They raised the flax and clipped the wool that was woven into cloth and linen. They were taught the weaver's art, as well as how to break the flax, how to scutch and hackle it, how to skillfully use the distaff, spinning wheel, the reel and the loom. The old loom, pieces of which can yet be seen, was made from timber grown on the farm and fashioned in a rude manner with such tools as they had. There was also a sugar grove on the farm, from which large quantities of maple sugar and syrup were obtained. Here the pioneer, with his wife and children, twelve, labored and prospered, earning enough for present needs.

and laying by a goodly sum for the future. The farm contained one hundred and nine acres, afterwards increased to two hundred acres, situated one and one-half miles from New Alexandria, and was purchased from John Elliott, the deed bearing date of March 19, 1798, consideration three hundred pounds. Samuel Craig was the original patentee and this was the fourth transfer. The original log buildings Samuel enlarged and improved. In 1860 the present buildings were erected by his son John. It was on this farm that Samuel and Catherine lived and died, and where ten of their children were born. The religious faith of Samuel was that of the Reformed Presbyterian, or Covenanter. He was the first of this faith or belief in the Denistown (now New Alexandria) neighborhood. He was an earnest Christian and an example to all around him. At least twice a year, when there was no church building around the neighborhood, he made a church of his home, entertaining all who came, and when the house was too small, erected a tent in a grove near by, where preaching and prayer meetings were held. This was the pioneer congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian church in New Alexandria. Samuel and his family were largely instrumental in the building or repairing of the old Associate church of New Alexandria, afterward called the Union Meeting House. He was the means of building up the New Alexandria congregation, which has always borne faithful testimony to the crown rights and royal prerogatives of the Heavenly King. This church was the first to debar its members from church membership and privileges for holding in slavery, human beings. One of the greatest and most eloquent orators against the crime of human slavery was afterward pastor of this congregation—Rev. Alexander McLeod Milligan—whose life and portrait will be found in Vol I of this work.

So intensely loyal to church service and so anxious was Samuel Patterson for the spiritual welfare of his family, that often he and they attended services at Greensburg, eleven miles distant, going on foot both ways when horses could not be found for all. This family and their neighbors had one of the best schools of that day. It was held in a log house on the Patterson farm. The furniture was exceedingly primitive, being of slabs and rude in design. Catherine Patterson was of the highest type of womanhood, courageous as our pioneer mothers must have been, she braved the toils and dangers of the forest and mountain, working shoulder to shoulder with her husband, his faithful friend and valuable helpmeet. She was a loyal, loving mother, and testimony is abundant as to her high Christian character and her perfect womanhood. She and her husband lived in the most perfect accord and were laid at rest side by side in the churchyard of the Union Meeting House, where their graves may be seen to this day marked by suitable headstones. Samuel died October 14, 1830, aged sixty-nine, and Catherine, June 17, 1836, aged sixty. They were faithful servants of the Master and left a large family who bear the same testimony and strive to emulate their virtues. Their children were:

1. Margaret Patterson, born in Franklin county, 1794. She never married. She was a dutiful daughter and worked in the fields and at the loom, sharing the family burden and mothering the little ones as they were added to the family. After the death of her father, she, her brother Andrew, and sisters Martha and Nancy, purchased a house and four acres in New Alexandria, where they spun, knit and wove stockings and blankets for the entire neighborhood, and great was the fame of these goods. She died January 16, 1877, aged eighty-three.
2. John Patterson, of whom special notice later.
3. James Patterson, born 1798, on the homestead farm near New Alexandria. Leaving home in 1826, he was employed for several years on the construction work of the Pennsylvania canal. November 18, 1826, James married Jane Thompson,

daughter of Moses Thompson, who was a farmer of Indiana county, near Livermore. After his marriage, James settled on a farm near Lewisville, Indiana county, where four children were born: Thompson, Myrtella, Lavinia Ann and Samuel. Jane Thompson Patterson, the mother of these children, died November 1, 1839. James Patterson took unto himself a second wife, October 22, 1840, one Jane Barnett, daughter of William Barnett, of New Derry. To them were born Rebecca Jane and James Barnett. James Patterson sold his farm in Indiana county in 1836, moved to Derry township, where he bought a part of the Thomas Elder tract. Here he erected a house, barn and otherwise improved his farm, which was his home until his death on November 17, 1870, at the age of seventy-two. Jane, his wife, died March 1, 1870, aged sixty-two. James Patterson always took the deepest interest in public matters, particularly church and educational. He was a lifelong member of the Covenanters church and lived strictly in accord with the peculiar principles of that church, which prevented him from seeking or accepting public office, their contention being that God is not mentioned in the constitution nor His law recognized as the supreme authority in civil affairs. 4. Sarah Patterson, born on the homestead, 1799. Married Thomas Brown, December 9, 1841. Thomas Brown was a farmer of the neighborhood. No children were born of this marriage, but Thomas was a widower previous to his marriage with Sarah, having six small children, and to these children she became a mother in the truest sense. Sarah was of a modest, unselfish nature, strongly domestic in her tastes, and for sixteen years filled the difficult part of stepmother, securing for herself the love and affection of these children, whom she trained in the fear of the Lord, and who all became prominent and much respected in the community. They mourned her as a true mother when she was taken from them December 20, 1857, her death resulting from a stroke of apoplexy. 5. Samuel Patterson, born on the homestead, 1800. He left the farm at an early age to learn the trade of a carpenter and builder. After learning his trade he was married to Mary Thompson. After his marriage he engaged in business for himself and became the largest contractor in the community. He was known far and near as "Boss" Patterson. He was a thorough mechanic, employing many men. He would go to the woods, select his trees, fell and prepare them for their place in the building. He erected many dwellings, one of which is now owned and occupied by his nephew, Samuel C. Patterson, which he built in 1830. This dwelling is as firm and substantial as when first erected. He owned and lived in a fine home just north of New Alexandria. He continued in business until advancing age and infirmity compelled him to retire. He died at his home, June 13, 1880, aged eighty years. Mary Thompson Patterson, his wife, was born in Indiana county, in 1810, and died in 1885. They have no living children. Samuel was noted for his expert marksmanship with the rifle, for his great strength and for being the most rapid cradler in the grain field. He was what was termed a "Racker," always taking two steps forward at each swing of the cradle. This required great strength and expertness. There was no man in the neighborhood who was his equal in the harvest field. 6. Catherine Patterson, born on the home farm in 1804, married John McConaughy, July 2, 1834. John was born in Blairsville, February, 1802. They moved to Burlington, Iowa, in 1843, where Catherine died April 5, 1859. John McConaughy died at Washington, Iowa, October 16, 1888. They were the parents of five children: 1. John Calvin, born June 1, 1835; married, June, 1869, Lydia Van Sickle. Their children were: William, May, Frank and Georgia. 2. Samuel P., born July 24, 1836; married, January 30, 1868, Maggie J. Scott. Their children are: Edmund M. and Jennie May. Both John

Calvin and Samuel P. McConaughy reside in Washington, Iowa. 3. Andrew J., born July 29, 1842; married Jane Wakinshaw, in 1861. Their home is in Superior, Nebraska. Their children are: Maggie C., John Ira, Sadie J., Ella M., Alonzo D. and Samuel A., twins; Mary C., James H., Rosella, and Evelina. 4. Sarah J., born April 8, 1844, died February 20, 1859. 5. Robert P., born November, 1846, married, June 8, 1881, Emma M. Brokaw. Robert lives in Washington, Iowa. Their children are: George J. H., Robert L., and Leta Catherine. 7. Martha Patterson, born on the homestead, 1805. She never married. She was associated, after the death of her father, with her sisters Margaret and Nancy, in their knitting and weaving business in New Alexandria, of which mention has been made. She was a worthy member of this remarkable family and possessed all the attributes of true womanhood. She died December 28, 1873. 8. Mary Patterson, born on the home farm in 1809. She married Josiah Beattie, who died October 9, 1842. Mary Patterson Beattie died September 17, 1868. The children of this marriage were five, of whom two died in infancy. The surviving three were: Robert R. Beattie, who served his country in the Civil war and is still a resident of New Alexandria; Samuel Patterson Beattie, who died May 21, 1883, aged forty-three years. He was a lifelong, active and influential citizen of New Alexandria. His strong mind and unusual ability for public speaking led him to take a lively interest and active part in the Sabbath School Bible Society, temperance, and other reform movements. The youngest child was Josiah Alexander Beattie, who married J. Ella O'Brian, June 18, 1879, to whom were born seven children: Mary, a graduate of the Indiana State Normal school, class of 1904, now a teacher; Frank N., now a successful business man, graduate of Leech's Business College, 1903; Clara M., a teacher in the public schools; Tirzah L., a teacher in the county; J. Carlisle, Anna O., and Margaret Ellen, still attending school. 9. Andrew Patterson, born on the homestead, April 14, 1812. Andrew never married. For many years he and his brother-in-law, Joseph Beattie, owned and operated a boat on the old Pennsylvania canal, but this was not a particularly profitable venture. In 1854, in partnership with his brother Robert, he bought the Rev. John Cannon farm, one and one-half miles west of New Alexandria. For fifteen years they worked the farm, Andrew making his home in New Alexandria with his sisters Margaret, Martha and Nancy, and assisting them in their business. In 1869 he sold his interest in the farm to Robert and thereafter worked and lived in New Alexandria until his death, October 18, 1892. Andrew was a strong, faithful and useful member of the Covenantan church, adhering to and practicing all their principles. He was scrupulously honest, abhorring debt, particularly church debts, kind-hearted, faithful alike to his church and his family. He was a Christian gentleman, and his memory is precious to his surviving friends and relatives. 10. Hannah Patterson, he died in childhood. 11. Robert Patterson, of whom more hereafter. 12. Nancy Jane Patterson, born on the home farm in 1821. In 1847 she married Samuel A. Steele, who was born in 1822. He received his education in the public school, and was a lifelong tiller of the soil. He was an elder in the Reformed Presbyterian or Covenantan church in New Alexandria. He was a member of the militia, but took no part in politics. Three children were born to Samuel A. and Nancy Jane (Patterson) Steele: 1. Catherine Rosanna, who, on September 27, 1876, married Jefferson C. Calhoun, of Indiana county, and of whom was born: Samuel Steele, Nancy Jane and Effie Calhoun. 2. Samuel Alexander McLeod, married, October 11, 1877, Sarah Jane Cannon, to whom was born two sons: Samuel Cannon, cashier of the Madera National Bank, Madera, Pennsylvania; and James Elder Steele, a farmer near New Alexandria, who married:

October 11, 1905, Dessa May Long. 3. Mary Jane Steele, married in August, 1875. Henry S. Loughery, who died February, 1887. She has four daughters: Emma Jane, died June, 1887; Anna Elizabeth, married Fred. Morgan, superintendent for Bell Telephone Company, and lives in Greensburg; Mary and Henrietta, at home with their mother in Greensburg.

William John Patterson is the only surviving son of John Patterson, who was the second child of Samuel and Catherine (Campbell) Patterson. John Patterson was born in Franklin county, January, 1796. He grew up on the farm of his father in Derry township, which he helped to clear and to cultivate. Being the eldest son the heavier burdens fell on him and these were never shirked or evaded. The other boys, as they grew to manhood, left the farm and began business for themselves, but John never left his parents. His education was limited as his father's frequent rheumatic attacks made it necessary for him to take his place in the farm labor. While his school days were few, he was a natural scholar, and improving such opportunities as he had, kept abreast of the time and was intellectually superior to many who had greater advantages. When his father Samuel died, he purchased the equities of his brothers and sisters, and became the owner. His mother remained with him on the farm until her death, six years after her husband. Some years later, in the winter of 1841, John Patterson married Margery Jamison, daughter of William Jamison, from near Pleasant Unity. Her mother was a Workman. William Jamison was a farmer, carpenter and cabinetmaker. He was a Presbyterian. Both he and his wife lived to a ripe old age. Margery was one of a large family of children. She was born in 1812; married, in 1841, John Patterson, to whom she bore two sons: Samuel and William John. Margery Jamison Patterson died January 27, 1899. She was a devoted Christian woman, of a cheerful hospitable disposition, and retained her vigor and bright cheerful ways until her death. Having no daughters, the many duties of the household fell upon her, but she bravely bore her burdens and never complained. John Patterson was in his younger days very lithe and active in body, with a quick, correct eye, and decidedly of a mechanical turn of mind. He was always in demand at the "raisings" of the time, and always given the most important corner to plumb, which he did with his eye alone, without the aid of plumb or level. He was strictly opposed to the use of intoxicants and always denounced their use. One of his neighbors, whose wife was fond of her toddy, was ready to raise a new building and wanted John for his corner man. John would go only on the consideration that no whisky should be served or drunk. This was a hard condition, especially for the wife, but the building was raised, no drink served, and the old lady remained sober. John was equally severe in his condemnation of the tobacco habit, denouncing it in the severest terms. John was of an ardent disposition, keen and zealous. Negro slavery was a question he discussed with great fervor, and any one who defended it was sure to have an exceedingly spirited debate. John was a member of the militia of his day (often called the "Cornstalk Militia"). In his younger days he cast his ballot as a voter of the commonwealth, but in later years he became convinced that this was wrong and that every time he did so, he gave his consent and sanction to human slavery and the legalizing of the liquor traffic, which were both upheld and sanctioned by the laws of the country. He believed that God's law should be the basis of all civil law and that God should be recognized in the constitution of our country. After his awakening on these topics he ceased voting and connected himself with the Covenanter church of New Alexandria, to whose tenets he remained faithful until his death, January 25, 1880.



Samuel Patterson, the eldest son of John and Margery Patterson, was born November 17, 1841. He was well educated, and grew up on the farm, assisting in all the labors thereof. It was during his life that the new house, barn and other improvements were built. He was not a robust man and suffered all his life from inflammatory rheumatism. In religion he adhered to the strict faith of the Covenanters. He filled the office of deacon for several years. He never married and died October 11, 1879, at the age of thirty-eight.

William John, the second son and only surviving member of the family, was born on the farm which he now owns, August 22, 1854. He was educated in the township schools and at the summer and winter terms of New Alexandria Academy. From earliest boyhood he has been a tiller of the soil. He was his father's valued assistant until his death, when William J. inherited the farm, his brother Samuel being dead. He has never married. His life has been given to the service of father, mother and brother, to whom he was especially tender and helpful, and whom he tended in his last illness with the tenderness of a woman and the skill of a trained nurse. He is, like all his family, a consistent member of the Reformed Presbyterian or Covenanter church, believing with that church that "Righteousness exalteth a nation," that sin is a reproach to any people, and that to attain blessedness in a nation, that nation's supreme laws must be enacted in accordance with Divine law. Believing this, he never votes, as in his public as well as in his private life he wishes to "avoid even the appearance of evil." William J. is a great reader and has a large and well stocked library of historical, theological and other works, by the very best authors. He is an enlightened, useful man and stands high in the community.

Samuel Campbell Patterson is a son of Robert Patterson, and grandson of Samuel Patterson, the first. Robert was born on the homestead farm April 23, 1817. He was educated in the township and New Alexandria schools. On reaching a suitable age, he learned the carpenter's trade with his brother Samuel, with whom he worked eighteen years, ten of which he was a partner. He was a skilled mechanic and a reliable builder. Much of the work of these builders stands to this day. Robert married, March 23, 1853, Dorothy Laughlin. She was a most remarkable woman. Her father, John Laughlin, removed with his family to the northern part of the state, known then as "The Pines," expecting to engage in the lumber business. The winter was very severe, there was no provender for his stock, and after much suffering the family returned to New Alexandria, where both John and his wife soon died, leaving four children: Eliphet, a boy of eighteen; Margret, a girl of sixteen; and two smaller children. Eliphet at once assumed the support of the four and Margret cared for the home and children. By their united efforts the family was kept together, the little ones educated and cared for, until her marriage with Robert Patterson. John Laughlin, her father, was born September 2, 1802; Mary Armstrong, her mother, born July 27, 1799, married John Laughlin, December 19, 1826. They both died in 1845; Mary died February 15, John August 13. The children were: Eliphet, born September 22, 1827, married Caroline Ann Crow, December 9, 1856; Margret, May 22, 1830; Abner, August 22, 1832; and James P., April 17, 1837. Their home was the old Laughlin homestead, two miles north of New Alexandria. Margret's early struggles developed her character and made her strong and steadfast. She was an exemplary Christian character of the highest type, and her children "rise up and call her blessed." She was noted for hospitality, and from her door no caller was ever turned empty away. Margret Patterson died August 9, 1897, aged sixty-eight years. After his marriage Robert Patterson bought

the Rev. John Cannon farm, and here was his home for thirty-five years. He was a successful farmer, and from a low state of cultivation he brought it up to the highest. Fruit trees were planted and improvements made that soon made it a model farm. He was much interested in educational matters, was a good eraser and thinker, and able to express himself well in speech. He was a member of the Covenanter church, of which he was a ruling elder, an office which he filled to the satisfaction of those over whom he had rule. He was an earnest Christian man, filled with the spirit of God and always ready to forward every good cause. He worked with the Bible Society of Pennsylvania, and the local societies. He was a strong temperance man, even from early boyhood, when he refused to carry the jug of home-made whisky to the harvest field, believing it to be wrong. He always labored for the overthrow of the demon rum, and in that day it took courage to stand against the custom of moderate drinking. He was greatly opposed to human slavery, and when the first gun at Sumter was fired he was not surprised. He believed in and practiced all the doctrines of the Covenanter church and was loyal to all her teachings. Robert remained on the farm until March 1, 1884, when he removed to New Alexandria, where he bought a fine house, in which he resided until his death, July 24, 1889, at the age of seventy-two years. The children of Robert and Margret Dorothy (Laughlin) Patterson were three: Clara, born February 11, 1854, died May 10, 1871, at age of seventeen, just budding into a promising womanhood; Samuel C., of whom more hereafter; Margret Estella, born November 16, 1869, now Mrs. William McClellan Moore, whose sketch will be found on another page.

Samuel C. Patterson, only son of Robert and Margret Patterson, was born on his father's farm, called "Spring Vale Farm," now owned and cultivated by himself, May 20, 1856. He attended the township schools and finished his studies at the New Alexandria Academy. He intended fitting himself for a professional career, but the plan failed, and in 1884 he took possession of the farm and at once began a systematic course of improvement. Old lands were fertilized, buildings enlarged and blooded breeds of stock introduced. In 1896 dairy farming was made a specialty, as it still is. Machinery was introduced, an engine for grinding the food and cutting fodder was installed, and today this farm is one of the best operated in the township of Salem. The old brick house built by his uncle and father, in 1830, has been improved by the addition of more windows and new porches, until it is a complete home, with all the modern interior comforts of a city home. Samuel C. is a total abstainer and strongly opposed to licensing the liquor traffic. While taking no part in political matters, he is an intensely loyal American citizen, ready at any time at his country's call to take up arms in her defense, and ready to forward any good cause that will result in good laws and good government. He is a member of the Covenanter church, where for thirteen years he has held the office of ruling elder. He has been an officer and teacher in the Sabbath school since his youth, and is identified with all the benevolent work of the church. He deprecates our present too general desecration of the Sabbath day, and believes our laws should be strictly enforced and God's day kept holy. Having connected himself with the literary societies of the community when but a boy, Mr. Patterson has acquired the art of public speaking and is often called upon in debate or discussion to take a part. He is a member of the American Bible and the Home Societies of New Alexandria, in which he has held many of the offices. He is an interested stockholder in the Union Cemetery Association of New Alexandria, in the West Savings & Trust Company of Greensburg, and in the National Bank of New Alexandria, where he is vice-president



*Samuel C. Patterson*



and director. Mr. Patterson chose as his life partner Eliza Martha Steel, to whom he was united in marriage at the home of her father, William Steel, January 1, 1884. (See sketch of Judge John B. Steel, Mrs. Patterson's brother.) She was educated in the home schools of the township, finishing at Greensburg Seminary. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Patterson were all born at their home on Spring Vale farm, and are as follows:

1. William Steel, born November 22, 1884. He was educated in the township schools, finishing his studies at the academy in New Alexandria. Steel, as he is familiarly called, is a farmer, first with his father, then one year for George Stewart, and two years for Judge John B. Steel. February 2, 1903, he married Ada Rumbaugh. March 12, 1906, he removed to Canada, where he is the manager of a wheat farm of six hundred and forty acres, near Langdon province of Alberta. He is a young man of great promise and possesses the characteristics of his ancestors.
2. Robert Carlyle, born July 13, 1886; educated in home schools and at Greensburg Seminary. In 1905 he entered Geneva College, where he is now pursuing his studies.
3. Clara Sarah, born May 23, 1890. She has attended New Alexandria Academy, Greensburg Seminary, and will finish her education in higher institutions of learning.
4. George Robert, born October 5, 1892.
5. John Samuel, born April 1, 1899.
6. Glen Laughlin, born February 22, 1902.
7. Joseph Walker, born March 15, 1904.

The children are receiving musical educations, and with piano and cornet enliven the old home. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are very hospitable and understand to perfection the delicate art of entertaining.

DAVID B. SCHANTZ. The family of which David B. Schantz, of Braeburn, is a representative was founded in this country by Jacob Schantz, a native of Switzerland, where he was born about 1710. In 1737 he emigrated to Pennsylvania and for some years lived in Germantown, removing in 1745 to Montgomery county. The name of his wife is not known.

Isaac Schantz, son of Jacob Schantz, was born January 14, 1748, in Montgomery county, and married, May 4, 1774, Barbara Ruff, born September 12, 1753. Their children were: Mary, Abraham, see forward; Christian, Jacob, Isaac, David, Veronica, Samuel and Joseph. Isaac Schantz, the father, died October 11, 1802, on a farm which now forms part of the site of Pottstown.

Abraham Schantz, son of Isaac and Barbara (Ruff) Schantz, was born in Westmoreland county, December 15, 1776, and for some years resided in Canada. Later he moved to Harmony, Butler county, Pennsylvania, not far from Pittsburg, and there passed the remainder of his life. He married Allis Hunsburger, born January 20, 1775. Their children were: Moses H., Aaron, Catharine, Isaac, Elizabeth, Lena, Amos, Mary, David, see forward; and Nancy. The mother of these children died August 27, 1821, and her husband survived her many years, passing away December 25, 1856, at Harmony, Butler county.

David Schantz (4), son of Abraham (3), and Allis (Hunsburger) Schantz, was born August 16, 1818, and married, October 13, 1839, Mary Boyer, born August 31, 1822. Their children were: Henry B., Jacob B., Sarah Elenor B., Abraham B., John B., David B., see forward; Amos B., Catharine B., Mary B., Eli B., Martha B., and Elizabeth B. The death of the mother of the family occurred March 3, 1878, and on March 4, 1883, Mr. Schantz married Catharine Lutz.

David B. Schantz, son of David and Mary (Boyer) Schantz, was born

May 25, 1851, at Harmony, Butler county, where he was educated in the common schools. Until the age of nineteen he worked on a farm, and then went to learn the carpenter's trade with Emanuel Foreman of Ohio, remaining three years. He then returned to Butler county and went into business for himself as a contractor and builder, moving after eighteen months to Harmony where he continued the business for one year. After spending six months in Livingston county, Illinois, he once more sought his native place and there remained five years. For six years he continued his business in Tarentum and for two years in Duquesne, after which he returned for the third time to Harmony, remaining seven years. In 1897 he moved to Bracburn, where he has since resided and conducted his business. During the whole course of his career as a contractor and builder he has erected over one thousand houses, building seventy of these in one year. He has filled a number of township offices. In May, 1898, he was appointed postmaster of Bracburn under the McKinley administration, and has held the office ever since. His political views and principles are staunchly Republican. He is a member of the Church of God. He married Julia Schaffer, and their children were: Dora, wife of Harry G. Boggs, of Bracburn; Josephine, wife of Ernest Chambordon; Mary; and Miles P., both of whom died in childhood. The death of Mrs. Schantz occurred November 13, 1881, her age being twenty-two years and seven months. Mr. Schantz married, October 2, 1883, Emma Schaffer, who bore him two children: Dainie B.; and Russell L., both of whom are at home. Mrs. Schantz died January 20, 1888, at the age of twenty-one, and Mr. Schantz subsequently married Emma Zoller, by whom he became the father of eight children: Odella R.; Elfreda C.; David, died at the age of five years; Goldie B.; Catharine E.; Harold, died in infancy; Verna S.; and Theodore G. All these children are still at home.

**WILLIAM STRAUB.** By birth and parentage William Straub, of New Kensington, is a German, his father, Carl Straub, having been a native of the fatherland. He was a weaver by trade and in 1878 emigrated to the United States, settling in Paterson, New Jersey, where he remained two years, and moving thence to Pittsburg, where he has since worked at his trade.

Mr. Straub married, before leaving Germany, Emma Herr, and their children are: William, mentioned hereinafter; Emma, wife of Edward Krueg, of Hamilton, Canada; and Anna, clerk in Kaufman's department store, Pittsburg.

William Straub, son of Carl and Emma (Herr) Straub, was born July 7, 1870, in Baden, Germany, and was eight years old when brought to this country by his parents. He received his primary education in the schools of Paterson, afterward attending the Pittsburg high school, from which he graduated about 1887. During four years he was bartender for Lenz & Klein-smith, and for the ensuing nine years was employed in a similar capacity by Mrs. Amelia Holzinger. In 1902 he moved to New Kensington and bought the Fifth Avenue Hotel, of which he has ever since been the successful proprietor. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, affiliating with Lodge No. 533, of New Kensington. Mr. Straub married Pauline, daughter of John Blossl, and one child has been born to them: Carl, who died at the age of three years.

**WILLIAM J. LAUGHLIN.** Robert Laughlin, grandfather of William J. Laughlin, of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, was born in Ireland and emigrated to the United States, settling in Baltimore, where he passed the re-

mainder of his life, with the exception of eight years that he lived in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was the father of two sons: William, mentioned hereinafter; and John.

William Laughlin, son of Robert Laughlin, was born August 3, 1836, and grew to manhood in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. In 1861 he enlisted in the Union army and served three years. He then returned home, after a brief visit re-enlisted and fell fatally wounded at Fort Stevens, July 12, 1864. Before becoming a soldier he had followed the carpenter's trade. Mr. Laughlin married Nancy Isabel, daughter of John and Mary Ferguson, and they were the parents of two sons: William J., mentioned hereinafter; and Robert O., who was born three months after the death of his father and is a carpenter and millwright of New Kensington.

William J. Laughlin, son of William and Nancy Isabel (Ferguson) Laughlin, was born March 31, 1862, in Allegheny county, and received his education in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he went to learn the stone and marble cutter's trade with W. E. Scott, of Barkerstown, remaining two years. He then went to Irwin, where he worked two years, after which he went to Upper Burrell township for the purpose of learning the carpenter's trade with William Taylor, with whom he remained eighteen months. His next removal was to Tarentum, where he erected a house for himself and went into business as a contractor and builder. His enterprise prospered and he has continued in the same line of industry ever since with the exception of two years—from 1901 to 1903—during which he was estimator for the New Kensington Lumber Company. He has erected a number of the principal buildings in New Kensington, including the Methodist Episcopal church, the United Presbyterian church and the postoffice. He is a charter member of Lodge No. 212, Maccabees, in which he has passed all chairs, and also belongs to Lodge No. 1048, I. O. O. F., of New Kensington. In politics he is a Democrat and is now serving on the county committee. He holds the office of steward in the Methodist Episcopal church of New Kensington. Mr. Laughlin married Maggie C., daughter of Johnson and Louise (Waugaman) Porter, and they have three children, all of whom are at home: Louzetta B., born 1887; Porter L., 1890; and Mary B., 1893.

CHARLES W. WALLEY. The grandfather of Charles W. Walley, of Parnassus, was John Walley, who was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and there passed his life as a farmer. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was Charlotte Truby, and their children were: Catharine J., wife of James B. Miller; William, mentioned hereinafter; Thomas, John, James, Carrie, married John Evans, and after his death became the wife of V. B. George; Polly, wife of Benjamin Evans; Nancy, wife of Frank W. George; Anna, wife of Reuben Hegerson; Letitia, wife of O. A. Knox. Mr. Walley, the father, died in 1885.

William Walley, son of John and Charlotte (Truby) Walley, was born in 1837, in Armstrong county, engaged in farming until 1867, and thenceforth was, for the remainder of his life, identified with the oil business. He belonged to Lodge No. 114, A. O. U. W., of East Brady, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Walley married Susan McKibben, who bore him the following children: Ada, wife of William Painter, of Sparks, Nevada; Margaret, deceased, was wife of F. C. Munapford; Charles W. mentioned hereinafter; Harry C.; Laura B., wife of Preston Elmore; and Frank G. The mother of these children died January, 1876, and Mr. Walley subsequently married Charlotte Caldwell, by whom he became the father of six

children, four of whom died in infancy; those who survived that period being: Maud, died at the age of ten years; and Edna. The death of Mr. Walley occurred December 14, 1893.

Charles W. Walley, son of William and Susan (McKibben) Walley, was born April 6, 1864, in Armstrong county, and received a common school education. At the age of nine years he became a member of the household of his grandfather, on whose farm he grew to manhood. At twenty years of age he went to Nebraska, where for six years he engaged in farming. He then returned to Wild Wood and went into the oil business, which he has successfully conducted ever since in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio. In 1895 he moved to New Kensington, and in 1902 erected a desirable residence on Fifth avenue, Parnassus, where he now resides. He affiliates with Lodge No. 512, Maccabees, and Lodge No. 619, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Littleton, West Virginia. Mr. Walley married Ada, daughter of William and Charlotte Burt, of Nebraska, and their children are: Lillian E., William Clarence, Hiram Earl and Kenneth.

C. P. EMIL SWENSSON, son-in-law of Johnston B. Jordan, born Aalborg, Denmark, December 12, 1858, son of Jean and Marie Kathrine (Svendsen) Swensson, was educated at the Gymnasium at Halmstad, Sweden, his parents' home; at the Chalmers Polytechnic Institute, Gothenburg, Sweden, graduating as civil engineer and mechanical engineer in 1879; and at Munich and Turich as a private student. Emigrating to the United States in 1881, his first employment was as a common laborer on the old Hudson river railroad tunnel; but only for a very short time, as he obtained a position as draftsman for patent drawings, then with a prominent architect, and finally, in 1882, as assistant and later as resident engineer on the South Pennsylvania railroad, a prospective Vanderbilt competitor of the Pennsylvania railroad, and at that time, from an engineering point of view, the most important railroad enterprise in the United States. The latter road in 1885 bought out the new road, and Mr. Swensson entered the service of the Phoenix Bridge Company, of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, as draftsman, and very soon began to manifest a peculiar talent for the branch of the profession known as bridge and structural engineering. In 1887 he accepted an appointment with the Keystone bridge works of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and in 1892, when it became a part of the Carnegie Steel Company, became assistant chief engineer. He was made superintendent in 1895 and in 1896 chief engineer, in full charge of the bridge and structural business of the Carnegie Steel Company. In June, 1900, the American Bridge Company bought the Keystone Bridge Company, and he was made manager of the plant, but on January 1, 1901, resigned to open up his own office in Pittsburg as consulting and constructing engineer.

Since entering upon his private practice he, besides designing, constructing and engineering structures of various kinds for private parties has been consulting expert for important enterprises as follows: chief engineer of the proposed Pittsburg elevated and subway system; consulting engineer to the Pittsburg rapid transit commission; consulting engineer for the Pittsburg railways company; designing and supervising engineer for Pennsylvania state bridges; consulting engineer for the United States Government in the matter of widening and increasing the headroom under the Allegheny river bridges, between Pittsburg and Allegheny City; consulting engineer for part of Boston elevated railroad; steel expert for the builders of New York subway and elevated, rapid transit, etc. Mr. Swensson is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, is vice-chairman of its committee on concrete and re-







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inforced concrete, at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, and at the University of Minnesota, having been the instructor in Structural Engineering for Testing Materials, and assistant professor of the advancement of Science, and in the Department of Civil and County Engineers of Lundberg, the first of the kind in the land county, from 1891 to December 22, 1892, 1893, 1894, as above named, and has since retired, 1895, and Henri J. Swenson.

**JOHNSTON MOUNTAIN, ARTHUR**, a native son of Westmoreland county, was born June 27, 1834, in the town of Bedford, Pennsylvania, a son of Samuel and Catherine Jordan, grandson of David Jordan, who was born in the town of Bedford, was of English origin. Samuel Jordan of that town was a farmer, and during the greater part of his active career was engaged in that occupation. His death occurred in 1854.

Johnston M. Jordan received his education in the common school of his native place, and at the age of fifteen years left Bedford county, Pennsylvania, with his father to White Horse Tavern, Somerset county, Maryland, for three years. He then went to Bedford, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, to the painter trade, and was there engaged in that work for three years. He then removed to Mount Pleasant and conducted the Greenbush, Pennsylvania, until the death of the latter in 1854. He then started a foundry, and the foundry business, associated with his two brothers, John and William, and for ten years they conducted a very successful business under the name of Jordan Brothers. At the expiration of that time they disposed of their plant, and for several years thereafter he was engaged in the same. In 1878 he established himself in the town of Pleasant Unity, where he has since been engaged, conducting a most popular and profitable business. He came to Pleasant Unity in December, 1867, and purchased a small lot of land, subsequently bought the same. He returned to the town of Pleasant Unity, and made some modern improvements, and made it one of the best of its kind in the county. He is one of the most popular and best known men in the county of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania. Much of his success is due to his wife, who is a most excellent and known far and near for her good qualities and for her many good deeds, which she gives at frequent intervals, and which are highly appreciated by people all over western Pennsylvania.

In 1855 Johnston M. Jordan married Lavina Christina Shoup, born February 4, 1835, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Whitmore) Shoup, and their children were: Catherine Elizabeth, married C. P. Emil Swenson; David Shoup; Harrie Johnston married Eliza Rush, and they have four children: Gertrude E. Rush, deceased; Christian and Josephine Jordan. Edwin D. Jordan married Mary Johnson. They reside in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and are engaged in the military business.

**PRICE J. COLE**, Bedford, Ohio, grandfather of Price J. Cole, of Braeburn, was born in Edgerton, Ohio, one of the first pioneers in that place, whence he moved to Edgerton, where he some years before engaged in the mercantile business. In early life he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but later joined the Roman Catholic. His first wife was — Galbraith and their children were: Thomas, deceased; John, son of John; Matilda, wife of Thomas Senon; and Robert, died in infancy.

John Cole, son of Bernard and — — (Galbraith) Cole, was born in 1838,



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inforced concrete; and member of the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania, having been its president in 1897; a member of the American Society for Testing Materials; a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and a member of the Junta, Union, Duquesne, German and Country Clubs of Pittsburg. He married at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1883, Catherine Elizabeth Jordan, as above mentioned, and has four children: Otto J., Christine J., Stuart J., and Henri J. Swensson.

JOHNSTON BORNDALLAR JORDAN, a prominent business man of Westmoreland county, was born June 27, 1824, at Bloody Run, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, a son of Samuel and Catherine (Myers) Jordan, and a grandson of David Jordan, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was of English origin. Samuel Jordan (father) was a carpenter by trade, but during the greater part of his active career was engaged in the hotel business. His death occurred in 1854.

Johnston B. Jordan received his education in the common schools of his native place, and at the age of fifteen years left Bedford county and removed with his father to White Horse Tavern, Somerset county, remaining there for three years. He then went to Bedford, Bedford county, to learn the carpenter trade, and was there engaged in that work for six years. In 1848 he removed to Mount Pleasant and conducted the Green Tree Hotel for his father, until the death of the latter in 1854. He then established himself in the foundry business, associated with his two brothers, Henry and William, and for ten years they conducted a very successful business under the firm name of Jordan Brothers. At the expiration of this period of time they disposed of their plant, and for several years thereafter engaged in horse dealing. In 1878 he established himself in the hotel business, in which he has since been engaged, conducting a most popular and highly patronized house. He came to Pleasant Unity in December, 1897, rented the old hotel there and subsequently bought the same. He refurnished and renovated it, putting in some modern improvements, and made it one of the best hotels in the county. He is one of the most popular and best-known hotel men in western Pennsylvania. Much of his success is due to his wife, who is a most estimable lady and known far and near for her good qualities and for her noted chicken suppers, which she gives at frequent intervals, and which are largely patronized by people all over western Pennsylvania.

In 1855 Johnston B. Jordan married Lavinia Christina Shoup, born February 4, 1835, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Whitemore) Shoup, and their children were: Catherine Elizabeth, married C. P. Emil Swensson; Daniel Shoup. Harrie Johnston married Eliza Rush, and they have four children: Gertrude E. Rush, deceased; Christian and Josephine Jordan. Edwin Debare, married Mary Johnson. They reside in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and are engaged in the millinery business.

PRICE J. COLE. Bernard Cole, grandfather of Price J. Cole, of Braeburn, was born in Ligonier and was one of the first merchants of that place, whence he moved to Latrobe where for some years he continued in the mercantile business. In early life he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but later joined the Roman Catholic. He married — Galbraith and their children were: Thomas, deceased; John, see forward; Matilda, wife of Thomas Seaton; and Robert, died in infancy.

John Cole son of Bernard and — (Galbraith) Cole, was born in 1838,

in Ligonier, and in early life was employed as a clerk in his father's store. Upon the death of his father he succeeded to the business at Latrobe, in partnership with his brother Thomas. After some years he purchased his brother's interest, and during the remainder of his life conducted the business alone. He was a musician and organized the first cornet band of Latrobe in which, for years, he held the office of treasurer. He married Mary, daughter of James and Elizabeth Hudson, old residents of Westmoreland county, and their children are: Ella; Price J., see forward; and Edward, steel worker at Latrobe. Mr. Cole, the father, died in 1878.

Price J. Cole, son of John and Mary (Hudson) Cole, was born September 8, 1868, in Latrobe, and was educated at St. Vincent's College. For eleven years he worked as telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania railroad. In 1893 he went to Millwood where for three years he was engaged in mercantile business, and in 1896 moved to Braeburn, being one of the first to settle in the village. From his arrival down to the present time he has been successfully engaged in business in that place. For two years he served as justice of the peace, having been appointed by Governor Stone. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., of Pittsburg. He married Margaret, daughter of Richard and Nancy Hotham, and they have three children: Frances M., born November 12, 1893; Eunice Blanche, born January 29, 1897; and Price Joseph, born February 27, 1902.

JOSEPH C. HORTON. Robert Horton, grandfather of Joseph C. Horton, of New Kensington, was born and reared in Nova Scotia, where he was engaged as a fish merchant during his active life. His children were: Thomas, mentioned hereinafter; John, Albert, Mary, Catharine, and Esther.

Thomas Horton, son of Robert Horton, was born March, 1812, in Nova Scotia, and in early life followed the sea. He afterward became a farmer and in his latter years was a cooper. Mr. Horton married Margaret Horton, and their children are: Elizabeth, wife of W. J. Stevenson; Esther, wife of William John Scott; Caroline, wife of William E. McMartin; John, of Canada; and Joseph C., mentioned hereinafter. Mr. Horton, the father, died in 1902, in St. Mary, Algoma district.

Joseph C. Horton, son of Thomas and Margaret (Horton) Horton, was born February 15, 1849, in Nova Scotia, and received his education in the public schools of Canada. At the age of twenty he went to learn the carpenter's trade with L. and S. Lloyd, of Belmore, Ontario, with whom he remained three years. He then worked for two years as a journeyman, after which he went into business for himself in Canada as a contractor and builder. In 1878 he migrated to northern Michigan and there conducted his business until 1891, moving in that year to New Kensington, where he was one of the pioneers, and where he has ever since been successfully engaged as a contractor and builder. He belongs to the Orange Association of Canada, and is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Horton married Jeannette McLeod, of Scotch parentage, and their children are: Charlotte, wife of Frank G. Matheson, of Detroit, Michigan; Joseph D., at home, was for five years assistant postmaster; Frank H., order clerk in Reduction works, New Kensington; Ethel, graduate of New Kensington high school, now assistant teacher; Gertrude, student at high school; Margaret, at home; and Bruce A., at home.

HENRY J. KRICK. John Krick, father of Henry J. Krick, of New Kensington, was born in 1827, in Germany, and when a young man emigrated to the United States, settling in Pittsburg, where he worked for some time





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as a teamster. Later he became for some years a farmer near Leechburg, Westmoreland county, and afterward moved to Hillville, where he was employed as a puddler in the Leechburg furnaces. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Krick married Mary Keller, born in 1827, in Germany, and their children were: Tillie, wife of Christopher Mertz, of Pittsburg; John P., roller in Parkersburg, West Virginia; Mary, wife of Peter Degohn, of McKees Rocks; Maggie, deceased, wife of Peter Smith; George, killed on the Pennsylvania railroad; Frank, died in childhood; Agnes, also died in childhood; Henry J., mentioned hereinafter; and James William, of New Kensington.

Henry J. Krick, son of John and Mary (Keller) Krick, was born April 10, 1872, on a farm in Westmoreland county, and received a common school education. At the age of sixteen he began working in the Kirkpatrick mill at Leechburg, remaining there about six years. He then moved to New Kensington, where he was employed for six or seven years as a roller in the tin mill. In September, 1904, he leased the old Denmarck Hotel, which he rechristened the Park Hotel, and is now the proprietor of one of the prettiest hostelrys in the Allegheny valley. He is a member of the Heptasophs. Mr. Krick married Elizabeth V., daughter of Bernard and Bridget (Lanagh) Hampsey, and four children have been born to them, two of whom died in infancy, the survivors being: John Francis, born June 24, 1901, Henry James, Jr., born January 30, 1906.

DANIEL BURNS, son of Daniel and Susan (Fleming) Burns, was born October 31, 1872, in Salem, New York, and was but ten months old at the time of the death of his father. He was educated in the common schools, and at the age of ten years was employed as bell boy in the Bush House, Belfont, remaining six years. He then went to California and after prospecting for five months returned to Pennsylvania and settled in Jeannette, where he had charge of a pool room. He held this position until 1891, and then moved to New Kensington, one year before its incorporation. For one year he was proprietor of a pool room and then for about two years was bartender for Mulvihill & Herron. After this he purchased a pool room on Fifth avenue, which he conducted for one year, and then leased the Merchants' Hotel, now known as the Hotel Howard, of which he was proprietor for three years and a half. For eighteen months thereafter he conducted a livery business on Third avenue, after which he sold out and for two years engaged in business as a contractor. In July, 1903, he moved to Monessen and for one year conducted a newspaper business, at the end of that time selling out and returning to New Kensington, where he has since been engaged in the iron business. From 1901 to 1904 he was a member of the common council of New Kensington, and for two years served on the county committee. February 20, 1906, he was elected chief burgess of New Kensington for a term of three years. He being a Democrat and New Kensington being a Republican town by a large majority, shows his high standing and popularity with the people. He belongs to Lodge No. 512, B. P. O. E., of New Kensington, and is a member of the Roman Catholic church, to which all his ancestors have adhered. Mr. Burns married Elizabeth S., daughter of Samuel and Elmira Bricher.

AUGUST GLINZ. The parents of August Glinz, of New Kensington, were Ludwick and Louise Glinz, natives of Germany, where their son was born September 21, 1867. He landed in the United States, August 18, 1886, and for four years thereafter lived in Philadelphia, then moving to Pittsburg,

where he was employed, as he had been in Philadelphia, in the capacity of bartender. In 1897 he opened a hotel for himself in Homestead, where he remained four years. In 1901 he purchased the International Hotel at New Kensington, of which he has ever since been the popular proprietor. Mr. Glinz married Amelia Mall, and their children, all of whom are at home, are: Louise, Alvire, and Lloyd. Mrs. Glinz is the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Mall, the former a veteran of the Civil war and a member of Post One Hundred and Twenty-eight, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

**SIBLEY FAMILY.** The first Sibleys in this country came from England in the fleet in A. D., 1629, and settled in the town of Salem, Massachusetts. They were supposed to be brothers and their names were John and Richard. They both had wives.

John Sibley was born in England, 1603, married Rachel Pickworth. He took the freeman's oath in 1635, and was selectman of Salem, Massachusetts, 1636, and selectman of Manchester, 1645-58. Grants of land, including Winter Island Harbor, were made to him. He died in 1661, leaving four sons and five daughters. His sons were: John, born March 4, 1648; William, July 8, 1653; Joseph, in 1655; and Samuel, February 12, 1657.

Joseph Sibley, third son of John, was born in 1655, in Manchester. On his return from a fishing voyage he was impressed on board a British frigate and put to hard service for seven weeks, after which he was released and sent home. He married Susanna Fallet, and settled in Sutton, Massachusetts. They had seven children, six sons and one daughter: Joseph, born November 9, 1684; John, September 18, 1687; Jonathan, May 1, 1690; Samuel, in 1697; William, September 7, 1700; Benjamin, September 19, 1703; Hannah, August 10, 1722, married Ebenezer Dagget. Joseph's brother John was elected to the general court legislature.

Benjamin Sibley, sixth son of Joseph, born September 19, 1703, married Priscilla Rich. He moved from Sutton, Massachusetts, to Union, Connecticut. They had six children, as follows: Priscilla, born August 5, 1725; Benjamin, August 17, 1727; Joseph, Ezekiel, Samuel and Jonathan, of the dates of whose births there seem to be no record, Priscilla and Benjamin being the only ones recorded. In the history of the town of Sutton, Massachusetts, the statement is made that "very little is known of Benjamin (the father). He probably left Sutton very soon after the birth of his son Benjamin. According to Deacon Leland it appears by Sibley papers in the hands of Nathaniel Sibley, 2d, that he at one time lived in Ellington, Connecticut. The following scrap is found in the handwriting of Mr. Baldwin: 'Benjamin Sibley was one of the original brothers and lived in Sutton a few years when he went to Union, Conn., and died there or in Ashford.'" Aaron Sibley, his grandson, was a representative of Westfield in 1827 or 1828.

Ezekiel Sibley, third son of Benjamin, married Sarah Yoemans.

John Sibley, son of Ezekiel, was born April 26, 1774, at Ellington, Connecticut. He married, April 7, 1793, Esther Bellamy, who was born May 16, 1777, and was a relative of Governor Bellamy, of Massachusetts. John Sibley had three brothers: Ezekiel, Moses and Aaron, the last named being a half-brother. He also had three sisters. John and Esther had nine children, as follows: Esther, born March 15, 1794, died 1870; John, Jr., June 6, 1797, died June, 1878; Aaron, April 16, 1799, died April 28, 1842, came to New Albion with his brother Charles: he never married: he was killed while hunting squirrels by a tree falling on him during a storm on April 25, 1842. Charles, July 4, 1801, died December 14, 1869; Orrin, April 14, 1803, died March, 1878; Ira,

November 16, 1805, died November 2, 1891, also came to New Albion in 1811; he married Polly Hazen, in the town of Maryland, Otsego county, and to them were born Ira, Levi, Cyrus, Lorinda and a pair of twins. After the death of his first wife he married Miranda Rockwell Gowan, in New Albion. They afterward removed to Pittsburg and in that city there were born to them daughters: Emily, Eliza Jane, Matilda, Anna and Susan, the first and third of whom are still living. Sarah, in 1808, died in infancy. Cynthia, July 29, 1811, died 1870. Laura, December 12, 1813, died 1836. John Sibley (father) died in the town of Westford, Otsego county, in 1849. He removed from Ashford, Connecticut, to Otsego county, in 1807.

Charles Sibley, third son of John, was born in Ashford, Connecticut, July 4, 1801. When six years old he removed with his parents to Otsego county, New York. He married Sarah Darling, born February 15, 1798, died February 21, 1885. They removed from Otsego county, New York, to the township of New Albion, Cattaraugus county, in October, 1832; in 1842 they moved into the town of Napoli, same county, where they resided during the remainder of their lives. They were married in Westford, Otsego county, May 19, 1818; there were born to them nine children, as follows: Harriet, born February 26, 1819, married Stephen A. Green, died in December, 1891; Sherman, November 27, 1820, married Mary Ann Moshier, died March 14, 1888; Charlotte, September 6, 1822, married George S. Boyle, in 1850; she is still living; Amanda, February 27, 1824, married Francis Allen, March 16, 1838; Judson, May 30, 1826, married Ann Elisa Miller, October 1, 1850, he is still living; Horace C., November 16, 1827, married Mary Kendall, October 2, 1850, died January 30, 1852, in New Albion township; Orrin, November 11, 1829, left home with a drover of cattle in 1847, went to Philadelphia; he visited home once or twice thereafter, but his whereabouts have since been unknown; Eben, July 20, 1831, married Sarah A. Gladden, January 1, 1851, after her death he married her sister, Mary Gladden, December 25, 1866; he died September 26, 1896. Amenzo, April 24, 1838, married Alzina Stratton, March 7, 1858; he is still living.

Ebenezer Darling, father of Grace (Darling) Sibley, born March 16, 1775, died October 9, 1815; he married Rebecca Allen, who was born May 23, 1779, and died April 23, 1865; to them were born four sons and five daughters, viz.: Sarah, married Charles Sibley, born in Columbia county, New York, February 15, 1798, died in Napoli February 21, 1885; John, born September 15, 1799, died 1800; Allen, born April 11, 1801, died June 24, 1856; Phoebe, born April 3, 1803; Luther, born June 7, 1805; Dinah, born April 5, 1807; Smyrna, born April 10, 1810, died September 5, 1856; William, born March 18, 1812; Rebecca, born December 25, 1814.

Claremont D. Sibley, of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, is the son of Amenzo and Alzina (Straton) Sibley, and was born April 9, 1861, at Napoli, Cattaraugus county, New York, where he received his primary education in the common schools, afterward attending the Chamberlain Institute at Randolph, New York. When twenty years of age he entered the service of Hevenor Brothers as clerk in their department store, remaining with them nine years. On March 6, 1891, he entered into partnership with F. J. McAllister at Kinzna, Pennsylvania, where they conducted a furnishing store for two years. In 1892 they entered into business in New Kensington, being one of the pioneer firms of the town, and thenceforth their trade steadily increased. In consequence of this, in 1893, he consolidated both stores into one and built the fine store on the corner of Ninth street and Fourth avenue, which they now occupy and which is one of the best equipped stores of its kind in the county. Mr. Sib-

ley is a member of Lodge No. 512, B. P. O. E. of New Kensington, and Lodge No. 242, Heptasophs, in which he has passed chairs. He also affiliates with Lodge No. 533, F. O. E., of which he is now a trustee. In politics he is a staunch Republican. Mr. Sibley married Margaret, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Shea, of Salamanca, New York state, and they have one child, George W., born July 12, 1894.

JAMES BUCHANAN BORLIN, a citizen of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, who has been successfully engaged in the hotel and other business enterprises in Westmoreland county for a number of years, is a representative of one of the old and honored families of the state. The name as originally spelled was Borland, but the father of James Buchanan changed the form to Borlin.

James Borland, or Borlin, as he preferred to write his name, father of James Buchanan Borlin, was born in Salem township, January 19, 1820. He learned the trade of tanning, which he followed for a number of years in connection with the butcher business, and then engaged in the hotel business. His first venture in that line was the Western Inn (Cope House), and this was followed by the Harbaugh House, corner of Main and Pittsburg streets, and by The Exchange (New Fisher House). He removed to Chicago, Illinois, in 1864, where he conducted the Cass House, corner of Canal and Mitchell streets. He returned to Greensburg one year later and commenced business in the oil, livery and teaming lines, at Pit Hole. He built the Laird House in 1868 (burned in 1887), which he conducted successfully for a number of years. He was a large dealer in live stock of all kinds, part of his business consisting of taking horses overland to the state of Iowa, in the fifties, and he shipped horses and cattle to the New York and Philadelphia markets. He removed to McKeesport in 1885, conducting the Jerome House there, then settling in Glenwood, Pittsburg, in 1890, where, in association with his son, James Buchanan, he opened the Electric Hotel, which was a very profitable venture. He sold this in 1899 to his son-in-law, Charles A. Warfield, the present owner and proprietor, and returned to Greensburg, where his last days were spent, his death occurring September 26, 1899. He had been elected sheriff of Westmoreland county, in 1877, by the largest majority any candidate ever polled for any office in that county. He was a consistent member of the German Reformed church. He married (first) January 27, 1842, Hannah Reamer, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Kemp) Reamer, of Hempfield township. Jacob Reamer was one of the leading farmers of the township and owned a farm on the present site of Hufftown, on which he died. His father, Henry Reamer, owned three hundred acres of land at this place, including what is now known as the County and the Jerry Hammer farms. James Borlin had six children by this marriage:

1. Albert Sill, born April 4, 1843, a veteran of the Civil war. He enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served under the following captains: Warden, Jordan, Newmyer and Alfred Robinson; the name of the commanding general was John W. Geary. He was actively engaged in the following battles: Antietam, where he received a wound from a piece of shell, second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Chancellorsville, Bolivar Heights, Lookout Mountain, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, the battle of the Wilderness, and a few minor skirmishes. He was honorably discharged in 1864. He married Elizabeth Steiner, and had children: Carrie, James C., Annie, married Daniel R. Ulery; Bertie, Daniel R., and Emeline.
2. Elizabeth Jane, married Simon B. Carpenter, of Oak Run, Shasta county, California, where she resides.
3. Jacob Reamer, married Julia Lahey, and had children:



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Lucy, married Michael Connolly; Elizabeth, married Harry Lápman; James and Harry Laird. 4. Sarah Melissa, married David Hunter Kilgore, and had children: James Hunter, died in infancy; David Kinkead, (see sketch of John P. Kilgore). 5. Minerva Caroline, married Charles A. Warfield, of Howard county, Maryland, and has one child, Caroline Isabella. 6. Hannah Lucinda, married Edwin J. Gatchel, of New York City, and has children: J. Edwin, of New York City, married Ethel Kirk Fretts, daughter of Abraham O. and Mazie Fretts, of Greensburg, and they have one child—Katherine Kirk; Minerva Caroline, Alberta Marion, married George Michael, of Wisconsin; Harry Lomison, Marguerite, Martin Hartzel, and Paul Hacke.

James Borlin married (second) Caroline Regina Reamer, a sister of his deceased wife, and had children: 1. Agnes Cline, married Jesse Cunningham, of Wilmerding, and they had children: Alice, Edgar, Mary, James B., Caroline, Agnes Selina, and Jesse. 2. James Buchanan, of whom later. 3. Amelia Anna, born April 23, 1859, died September 9, 1862. 4. Lucy Bigelow, married Robert C. Roberts, of Racine, Wisconsin, and has had two children: Nellie, deceased; and Malcolm. 5. Mary Margaret, married William D. Walthour, and has children: Eleanor and William Borland. (See sketch of W. D. Walthour. 6. Katherine Klingensmith, resides with her mother in Brushton avenue, Greensburg.

James Buchanan Borlin, second child and eldest son of James and Caroline Regina (Reamer) Borlin, was born in the Western Inn (Cope House) Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1856. He was educated in the Greensburg Academy, and in Duff's College, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He commenced his business career by working in the capacity of clerk in a number of hotels—Laird House, Greensburg, Red Lion, Central Hotel (Griswold), Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburg. He served as deputy sheriff under his father from 1879 to 1881, and was associated in business with him for three years in the Electric Hotel, Glenwood, Pittsburg. He very profitably managed the Fisher House at Greensburg from 1893 to 1901. He takes an active and intelligent interest in all the public affairs, is a man who keeps well abreast of the times, and is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party. He married, July 28, 1892, at Wheeling, Rev. A. Moore, Methodist Episcopal minister of Wheeling officiating, Louisa Belle Eastham, daughter of George and Mary Anna (Kaempfer) Eastham, of Lone Tree, Tyler county, West Virginia. They have had children: James Eastham, born July 3, 1893; Mary Caroline, August 28, 1894, died June 6, 1895; Albert Reamer, February 15, 1896, died August 13, 1897; Alfred Adrian, March 19, 1898; Agnes Pauline, January 21, 1900.

FRANK W. ZILLMER. Carl A. Zillmer, father of Frank W. Zillmer, of New Kensington, was born in 1846, in Germany, and in 1873 emigrated to the United States, settling in Pittsburg, where for a few years he worked as a tailor. In 1893 he moved to New Kensington, where he purchased land on which he erected a fine residence and place of business, both of which he now occupies, being the head of a tailoring establishment. Mr. Zillmer married, before leaving his native land, Wilhelmina Butt, and their children were: Frank W., mentioned hereinafter; Charles, died at the age of twenty-two; Bertha, died at the age of fifteen; Emil, of New Kensington; William, died at the age of five years; Edward, also died in childhood; and Annie, died at the age of sixteen.

Frank W. Zillmer, son of Carl A. and Wilhelmina (Butt) Zillmer, was born September 19, 1867, in Germany, and celebrated his sixth birthday on the ocean, the family being then on their way to this country. He was educated

in the common schools of Pittsburg and at Duff College, whence he graduated in October, 1886. He learned the tailor's trade under the instruction of his father, who in 1892 formed a partnership with him under the firm name of C. A. Zillmer & Son. They conducted business in Pittsburg until January, 1893, when they moved to New Kensington and there carried on the business until 1903. In that year Mr. Zillmer and his brother Emil established themselves in business on Tenth street as dealers in newspapers, cigars and tobacco, but at the end of a year dissolved the connection. Mr. Zillmer then purchased the Hotel Lloyd, changed the name to the Hotel Franklin, and is now the proprietor of a flourishing establishment. From 1899 to 1902 he was a member of the common council, has served several terms on the county committee, and for eight or nine years has been a member of the fire department. He affiliates with Lodge No. 533, F. O. E., of New Kensington, and supports with his vote and influence the Republican party. Mr. Zillmer married Emilia Schweis, and they have two children: Wilhelmina M., born October 22, 1902; and Lydia J., born March 23, 1904.

D. B. SULLIVAN. The grandfather of D. B. Sullivan, of New Kensington, was Timothy Sullivan, a native of county Kerry, Ireland, where his sons were born: T. Dempsey, mentioned hereafter; Daniel, who emigrated to the United States and settled in Virginia, where his sons are now prominent in the councils of the Republican party; and Patrick, who was wounded while serving in the artillery during the Civil war.

T. Dempsey Sullivan, son of Timothy Sullivan, came to this country about 1850, and settled in Washington, District of Columbia, where he was employed in the navy department. He served throughout the Civil war as a soldier in the marine service. Subsequently he went to Virginia, where he purchased a plantation and became a dealer in stock. He was a Republican and a member of the Roman Catholic church. His wife, Ellen Foley, was brought to the United States by her brother when but six years of age.

D. B. Sullivan, son of T. Dempsey and Ellen (Foley) Sullivan, was born September 2, 1861, in the Shenandoah valley, Shenandoah county, Virginia, and received his education in the public schools of his native state and at the Woodstock (Virginia) high school. After serving an apprenticeship for four years to the carpenter's trade, he was for two years special agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and during part of that time was engaged in contracting. August 19, 1888, he arrived in Jeannette, being one of the pioneers, and finished many houses erected by the Land and Improvement Company. For twenty years he conducted a large business under the firm name of Sullivan & Roth. In April, 1902, he moved to New Kensington and engaged in the real estate and insurance business, building and improving several properties which have proved very valuable and extremely profitable. In February, 1898, when war with Spain seemed imminent, he offered his services to Captain Hunt, of Battery B, Pennsylvania Volunteer Light Artillery, being the first volunteer from New Kensington. He served through the campaign in the West Indies until regularly mustered out at the close of the war. He served six years in the common council, during which time the city was sewerred, paved, lighted, and in many ways rendered one of the prettiest cities of its size in Pennsylvania. For twelve years he served in the volunteer fire department as chief, and is now serving his fourth term. The department is composed of one hundred and seventy-three men who are divided into three companies. He has been chief of the Citizens' Volunteer Fire Department for four years, and January 1, 1906, was presented with a very handsome gold medal by the Citizens' Volunteer Fire





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Company in recognition of his services. Mr. Sullivan, for prompt and regular attendance, was awarded a medal by Company C, Second National Regiment of state militia, of which he was for five years a member. He is president of the Hampton Battery Association, of Pittsburg, composed of veterans of Battery F of the Civil war, and Battery B of the Spanish war. He is an active Republican, and a member of the Roman Catholic church. Although possessed of no mining experience, Mr. Sullivan, with a few others, answered the first call for help in the rescue of the victims of the Harwick mine disaster, in which one hundred and seventy-eight men lost their lives.

Mr. Sullivan married, September 11, 1890, Mary A., daughter of the late Joseph R. Grafton, of Penn Station, who served through the Civil war in Colonel Richard Coulter's regiment, and their family consists of four children: Helen, Grafton, Clare, and D. B., Jr. During Mr. Sullivan's term of military service Mrs. Sullivan took his place in the office and successfully conducted the business.

R. W. DAVIES. The name of R. W. Davies, of Avonmore, would seem to indicate a Welsh ancestry. Mr. Davies is the son of Rev. J. M. and Sarah A. (Leech) Davies, and was born November 17, 1864, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

He is now president of the West Pennsylvania Foundry & Machine Company, situated at Avonmore. This plant was built in 1894, as the Avonmore Foundry & Machine Company, and in 1898 was re-organized under the name of the West Pennsylvania Foundry & Machine Company. In 1901 it was again re-organized, but without change of name, with the following board of officers: R. W. Davies, president and manager; Charles A. Hill, vice-president; H. F. Banfield, secretary and treasurer; and R. L. Davies, superintendent. Board of directors: R. W. Davies, C. A. Hill, William Banfield, H. F. Banfield and R. L. Davies. Since that time the plant has, under the present management, been improved and enlarged, and its capacity doubled. The grounds have an area of ten acres, more than three of which are covered by the buildings. At this plant are manufactured machinery for tin-plate mills, and sheet-mills, as well as plate-glass machinery, blast-furnace machinery, and chill and sand rolls, a general foundry business being carried on. This immense establishment gives constant employment to an average of one hundred and sixty men. A business of six thousand tons annually is carried on at this plant, and shipments are made from coast to coast, its field of action extending across the entire continent.

WILMER GRANT DUGAN, an honored citizen of Parnassus, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, who has worked long and faithfully in the causes of education and religion, is descended from Irish-Welsh-German ancestry.

George Dugan, the first of the family of whom we have any record, and probably the founder of the family in America, was born in 1783, had an Irish father and a Welsh mother, and came to Puckety creek in 1795. He took up farming as a means of livelihood, but his education had fitted him for more learned duties. He was a well-educated man, was justice of the peace for twenty years, having been appointed by the governor. He served as major and captain in the militia, and was in service in the War of 1812. He was a Presbyterian, and was a leading man in the community in religious as well as educational matters. His counsel and advice were sought by all in trouble, and they were freely imparted. He married Nancy Alter, born 1799, whose parents were Germans, who settled on Puckety creek about 1800. She had received a

liberal education for those days, was a Presbyterian, and was a fitting companion for her husband in every way. They had a number of children, most of whom died before maturity, and among them was a son—John W.

John Westley Dugan, son of George and Nancy (Alter) Dugan, was born on Puckety creek, one mile east of Parnassus, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1820. His education was as liberal a one as the schools of those days were able to furnish, and he was an earnest student and profited by his instruction in them. He followed farming as an occupation, but found time for a great number of other duties. He was an exceptionally fine musician, and this brought him in connection with many churches, in all of which he held offices of honor. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church of Parnassus for fifty years. He was a man of faithful, self-sacrificing disposition, and had earned for himself the title of "The peacemaker." In politics he was a Republican, and took an active interest in the affairs of the community. He died January 8, 1901. He married Margaret McElrow, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (McMillian) McElrow. Mrs. McElrow was a niece of Dr. McMillian, of western Pennsylvania fame, and a relative of Judge McMillian. Mrs. Dugan died May 1, 1875. Among the children of Mr. and Mrs. Dugan was a son, Wilmer Grant, see forward.

Wilmer Grant Dugan, son of John Westley and Margaret (McElrow) Dugan, was born in Parnassus, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1865. He enjoyed the advantages of an excellent education, first in the public schools of Westmoreland county, then one year in the Oakdale Academy, one year in the Pittsburg Academy, and finally, three years in Grove City College. Upon leaving college he commenced teaching, and made this his life work. He has been the principal of the Delmont Academy, of the Green Tree schools, and for the last nine years of the Parnassus public schools. He is devoted, heart and soul, to his calling, and has met with unvaried success. His pupils have always looked upon him as a friend as well as an instructor, and this pleasant feeling has remained undisturbed up to the present time. His work has been highly complimented, and he has been enabled to make life happy for others as well as for himself. In politics he is a Republican, but his views are liberal, and he is ever ready to lend his assistance to any measure furthering the public good, irrespective of the party which introduced it. He is a member of the Parnassus Presbyterian church, and at the age of twenty years was made superintendent of the Sabbath school. He has been an elder in the church for the past ten years. He has held many positions of honor in the churches of the county, and was county president of the Westmoreland County Christian Endeavor for two years, being the only layman who had ever held that position. He was the first president of the New Kensington Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Dugan married, at Harmarville, July 6, 1905, Luella Wills, daughter of David Scott and Rachael (Hutchman) Wills, both leaders in the United Presbyterian church. Mrs. Dugan was educated in the Parnassus public schools and in the Pittsburg Academy, and taught school for four years.

VALENTINE KOFFLER. Milton Koffler, father of Valentine Koffler, of Arnold, was born in 1836, in Germany, and at the age of nineteen emigrated to the United States, settling in Pittsburg, where for a short time he worked at his trade of shoemaker. He was then employed for two years by his brother-in-law, Charles Opperman. He next moved to McKees Rocks, where he made his home on the old McKees property and engaged in business for himself as a dealer in garden truck, continuing in this branch of industry

for about fifteen years. He then moved to the old Jacob Flowers farm, where for the remainder of his life he gave his entire attention to agriculture. Mr. Koffler married Annie Opperman, and their children were: Elizabeth, wife of David Flowers; Charles, drowned at the age of eleven years; Mary, wife of Henry Trannhauser; George, gardner in Bethel township, Allegheny county; Valentine, mentioned hereinafter; Joseph, gardener on the old homestead; Margaret, wife of George Englert; Frances, died at the age of nineteen; Catharine, wife of Peter Bower; Nicholas, butcher; and one who died in infancy. The death of Mr. Koffler, the father, occurred December, 1901.

Valentine Koffler, son of Milton and Annie (Opperman) Koffler, was born October 8, 1857, in Pittsburg, where he was educated in the common schools. He remained at home on the farm until his twenty-fifth year and then served an apprenticeship of five years to the butcher's business, after which he established himself in business on Mount Oliver street, Pittsburg, where he remained two years. After spending two months in Knoxville, he purchased property in Biltzhooover and there conducted his business for about six years. He then moved back to Pittsburg and for two years was proprietor of a meat market at Arlington and Locke avenues. From Pittsburg he went to Mt. Oliver, Santhem avenue, remaining two years, after which he returned to South Side and there, for about two years, conducted a wholesale meat business. Determined to enter a new field of endeavor he engaged in the hotel business at McKees Rocks, and at the end of eight months sold out and moved to Arnold. He there purchased the Commercial Hotel, of which he has since been the successful proprietor. Mr. Koffler married Jennie Beck, who bore him three children: Cecilia, at home; Annie, who was drowned Christmas day, 1905; and Milton, died in infancy. After the death of his wife Mr. Koffler married Barbara, daughter of Joseph and Mary Mayer, and they have the following children, all of whom are at home: Viola, Elenora, Mary, Edward, Joseph and Milton.

Cecilia Koffler, the eldest of Mr. Koffler's children, graduated at the age of fourteen as a stenographer and typewriter from Professor Sayers' Business College, and also took a course in bookkeeping. Since her graduation she has held the position as stenographer and typewriter in the Allegheny Glass Works, in Allegheny county, having proved herself, notwithstanding her extreme youth, fully competent for her responsible duties.

**FRANK J. McALLISTER.** James McAllister, grandfather of Frank J. McAllister, of New Kensington, was born in Scotland, and emigrated to the United States, settling in Sayer, Pennsylvania. After a brief sojourn there he moved to Elmira, New York, where during the remainder of his life he engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes. He and his family were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. His children were: Alfred, Owen and James, mentioned hereinafter.

James McAllister, son of James McAllister, the emigrant, was born in New York state, and for a number of years after reaching manhood remained in his native state, engaging, like his father, in the manufacture of boots and shoes. He spent three years in Michigan, during which time he was in business as a lumber dealer, and then returned to the state of New York, where he is still engaged in the shoe business. Mr. McAllister married Belle, daughter of Lewis Marvin, of old Revolutionary stock, and four children were born to them, one of whom died in infancy, the survivors being: Nellie, wife of L. C. Gault, of New York state; Anna, wife of F. L. Stunrod, also of New York state; and Frank J., mentioned hereinafter.

Frank J. McAllister, son of James and Belle (Marvin) McAllister, was

born September 23, 1864, in Portville, New York, and received his education in the common schools of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Randolph, New York, and at Chamberlain Institute. In 1880 he became clerk in the general store of S. W. Thompson, of Randolph, New York, where he remained eight months. He then went to Salamanca, New York, where he was employed in the department store of Havner Brothers for a period of eleven years. For two years he was employed as general travelling salesman by Thomas E. Gresham, of New York City, after which he formed a partnership with C. D. Sibley and for eighteen months conducted business at Kinzua, Pennsylvania. In September, 1892, they moved to New Kensington, where they now have the largest clothing business in the Allegheny valley. He affiliates with Lodge No. 512, B. P. O. E., of New Kensington, in which he holds the office of district deputy grand exalted ruler. Mr. McAllister married Mary L., daughter of James O'Donnell, of an old Pittsburg family, and a connection of the Lees. Mr. and Mrs. McAllister have two children: Helen Mary and George F., aged, respectively, thirteen and eleven years.

**FRANK HOUSEMAN.** The father of Frank Houseman, of Arnold, was John Houseman, who lived and died in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, where he dealt in horses and stock. He married Catharine Smith, and their children were: George, died at the age of twenty-five years; Frank, mentioned hereinafter; and Effie, wife of William Brinley, of Mercer county.

Frank Houseman, son of John and Catharine (Smith) Houseman, was born November 10, 1861, at Newcastle, and received his education in the common schools. At twelve years of age he began working at different occupations, and in 1887 went into business for himself in Petrolia, where he remained until 1893. He then moved to Arnold, where he has since been engaged in business as a grocer and butcher, having built up a large and flourishing trade. He affiliates with Lodge No. 512, B. P. O. E., of New Kensington, Lodge No. 95, K. O. T. M., and Durer Lodge, No. 498, K. P., both of Petrolia. In politics he is a staunch Republican, but has never sought office. Mr. Houseman married Jessie C., daughter of Thomas M. and Mary Guthrie, and they have two children, both of whom are at home: Floyd G., and Frances E.

**JOHN H. TURNER.** John Turner, grandfather of John H. Turner, of New Kensington, was born in 1785, in Westmoreland county, and when a young man moved to Butler county, where he became a very successful farmer, acquiring some four hundred acres of land, which at his death was divided among his heirs. Mr. Turner married Martha Crawford, who bore him three children: Ruth, died unmarried; Jane, married Robert Downey; and William, mentioned hereinafter. After the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Turner married Peggy McClachey, and their children were: Charles, Betsey, Sarah Bell, wife of Stephen Fennessey; Mary Ann, died unmarried; Margaret, wife of David Alexander; John M.; Turner; Fannie, died young; and Samuel, died single. The death of the father of the family occurred in 1843.

William Turner, son of John and Martha (Crawford) Turner, was born March 21, 1817, in Allegheny township, Butler county, and inherited a portion of the old homestead, on which he resided, giving his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Turner married Mary, daughter of Samuel and Louise Gibson, and their children were: John H., mentioned hereinafter; Sarah J., married William Lambert; William Finley, deceased; Samuel P., contractor in Toledo, Ohio; Mancel E., con-

tractor in Texas; and Newton Howard, contractor in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Turner, the father, died in 1893.

John H. Turner, son of William and Mary (Gibson) Turner, was born January 11, 1841, on the homestead, in Butler county, and was educated in the common schools. August 19, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Seventy-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for a term of three years, receiving his discharge November 8, 1864, at Kittanning, Pennsylvania. After his return home he worked for about twenty years as a contractor in the oil fields, and then went to Butler county, and engaged in the dairy business until 1892, when he removed to New Kensington. He was one of the pioneers of the place and established himself in the business on the farm of W. K. Stewart, situated on the edge of the borough. On this land he operated a dairy for eight years, and then went into the mercantile business, which he has successfully conducted down to the present time. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of New Kensington. Mr. Turner married Mrs. Mary C. Sloan, daughter of David and Elizabeth Eakin, and three children were born to them, all of whom died in infancy.

**DANIEL T. MARSH.** The grandfather of Daniel T. Marsh, of Cowansburg, was William Marsh, who lived and died in Sewickley township. His wife was Dinah Manus, and they were the parents of a son, James Marsh, who was born in 1814, and was one of several children.

James Marsh was engaged in various enterprises, being at different times in his life a farmer and a butcher, and also, in partnership with his brothers, building and running a steamboat, plying it for a number of years between West Newton and Pittsburg. He was bred in the faith of the Society of Friends, to which, though not taking an active part in the affairs of the organization he steadily adhered. Mr. Marsh married Lovina Cort, and five children were born to them, two of whom survive: Daniel T., mentioned hereinafter; and Thomas, who lives in Indian Territory. Mrs. Marsh died in 1856, in comparatively early life, and the death of Mr. Marsh occurred when he was but forty-nine years old, in his native township of Sewickley, where he had passed his entire life.

Daniel T. Marsh, son of James and Lovina (Cort) Marsh, was born May 22, 1845, in North Huntingdon township, and being the oldest son remained at home after his father's death and took care of the family, managing the home farm. In 1870 he left the homestead and settled on a small farm of his own near Cowansburg, where he remained some ten years. In 1880 he engaged in the general merchandise business in Cowansburg and for twenty-five years has been identified with the commerce of the place, of which he is now serving his third year as postmaster. Mr. Marsh is one of those who, during the trying days of the Civil war, rallied to the defense of the Union. In 1864 he enlisted in Company H, "Knap's Battery," Light Artillery, and was subsequently transferred to Company E, Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, serving eleven months. Mr. Marsh has held the township offices of auditor, collector and assessor, and for the last twelve years has been a member of the school board. In 1901 he was a candidate for the office of county treasurer, but failed to receive the nomination. He is a member of J. W. Greenawalt Post, No. 399, G. A. R., of Cowansburg, Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, F. and A. M., of Greensburg, and Cowansburg Council, No. 165, J. O. U. A. M. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Marsh married in 1869, Deborah, daughter of Isaac Dewees, of Sewickley township.

BENJAMIN C. SHAFFER, county commissioner for Westmoreland county, was born in Brookville, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1867, a son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Wonderlinge) Shaffer, and grandson of Isaac Shaffer, a native of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Solomon Shaffer (father) was born in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, 1822, received a common school education, and was a farmer by occupation, from which line of work he derived a comfortable livelihood. He gave his support to the candidates of the Republican party. His wife, Elizabeth (Wonderlinge) Shaffer, born in Easton, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Henry Wonderlinge, who came to this country from Switzerland, bore him thirteen children, eight of whom are living at the present time (1906). Solomon Shaffer died September 19, 1905, survived by his wife, who has attained the venerable age of eighty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Benjamin C. Shaffer was educated in the schools of Brookville, and after completing his studies removed to Jeannette, Westmoreland county, and engaged in the real estate business, continuing the same for two years. He then became one of the organizers of the now thriving town of New Kensington, and there followed the same line of business. He purchased the Gambrinus brewery, which he conducted for a number of years, and in 1905 sold to the trust. He is now (1906) engaged in various financial enterprises, from which he derives a goodly income. He has served as justice of the peace and mayor of New Kensington, and in 1905 was elected to the office of county commissioner for Westmoreland county on the Republican ticket. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. P. and F. O. E. He is a man of strict integrity, careful, industrious, shrewd, and an agreeable companion and stands high in the esteem of his fellowmen. Mr. Shaffer married, November 20, 1889, Rena McQuiston, of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Nicholson and Margretta (Finley) McQuiston, the former having been one of the operators of the old canal on the Kiskiminetas. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have two sons: Frank W. and Joseph M. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

BEAMER FAMILY. Michael Beamer is a descendant of a family which has been settled in this country for many years. They emigrated from Switzerland and brought the excellent traits of the natives of that country—thrift and industry—to the new world with them.

(I). Jacob Beamer, great-grandfather of Michael Beamer, with two brothers, came to America about 1770, and settled in Hagerstown, Maryland. It is supposed that they came about the time of the American Revolution, and that they were the first of the name to settle in this country. They came from Switzerland. He married and among his children was a son John.

(II) John Beamer, son of Jacob Beamer (I), came to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, from Hagerstown, Maryland. On his journey he passed over the present site of Pittsburg, and settled in Franklin township, five miles north of Murrysville, where he took up a tract of land, which he cultivated and on which he resided the remainder of his life. He married Eve Butenborger, and they had children: Henry, mentioned hereinafter; Philip, married Catherine Beamer; John, married Mary Aucher; Michael, married Catherine Rubright; Catherine, married John Hill; Jonah, died unmarried; Margaret, married George Fix.

(III). Henry Beamer, eldest child of John (2) and Eve (Butenborger) Beamer, was born at Toneytown, near Hagerstown, Maryland, coming with his father to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, at the age of five years.





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During his youth and early manhood he worked for his father on the farm of the latter, and when he married bought a farm of his own near Murrysville, on which he resided during the remainder of his life. His death occurred in January, 1857. He married, about 1822, Elizabeth Lauffer, who died in 1843. She was the daughter of John and ————— (Kemerer) Lauffer, of Penn township. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beamer were: John, married Nancy Rubright; resides in West Newton; Henry, married Juliana Burger, resides near Harrison City; Seth, married Maria Ludwick; Jacob, married Susannah Brinker, and after her death Mary J. Hunter, resides in Manor; Michael, one of the subjects of this sketch; Sarah, married (first) Andrew Silvis; married (second) Adam Drake, of Apollo; Susan, died in infancy.

(IV). Michael Beamer, fifth child and son of Henry (3) and Elizabeth (Lauffer) Beamer, was born in Franklin township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1832. He was educated in the district schools, and was brought up to regard agriculture as his lifework. He, however, engaged in mercantile business in Boquet, Pennsylvania, for several years. He commenced the manufacture of hickory handles in 1861, establishing himself in business in a small way. By industry, thrift, and excellent management, this has grown to its present large proportions. The business has been conducted under the firm name of M. Beamer & Son, since 1886, his youngest son, William J., becoming associated with him, and in 1903 it was incorporated under the name of The Beamer Handle Manufacturing Company, Manor, Pennsylvania. In the same year they erected what is considered the finest handle factory in the world. They employ between fifty and sixty men and their goods are shipped to all parts of the world. Since the first establishment of his business, Mr. Michael Beamer has devoted his entire time and attention to the interests involved. He has never sought preferment in church matters, but is a member and regular attendant at the Reformed church, of which he was an elder for many years, and frequently a delegate to the synod. He is a member of the American Order of United Workmen. He has always had the best interests of the community at heart, and any project for its improvement or advancement has had his hearty approval and support. He is one of the oldest residents in Manor, the oldest in point of citizenship. He married (first) Susan Ludwick, and they had one child: James A., one of the subjects of this sketch. Mr. Beamer married (second) Margaret Burger, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Shumaker) Burger, and they had three children, of whom but one survives, William J., one of the subjects of this sketch.

(V). William J. Beamer, only surviving child of Michael (4) and Margaret (Burger) Beamer, was born in Penn township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1862. He received a public school education, and later took a complete course in the Pittsburg College of Pharmacy. For several years he worked as a clerk, and in 1882 established himself in the drug business in Manor, Pennsylvania, continuing this very successfully until he associated himself with his father in the business which the latter had established. (See above). He is a director in the Jeannette National Bank, and stockholder in many business corporations. In politics he was formerly a Democrat but is now an Independent, and has served very acceptably as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Reformed church and has been very active in church work; he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty years. He is a member of Lodge No. 225, Free and Accepted Masons, Greensburg, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Pittsburg, Kedron Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar; Urania Chapter, No. 192, Royal

Arch Masons, at Greensburg. He married, November 27, 1884, Lula B. Laughner, daughter of Amos and Lucy (Beir) Laughner, and they have two children: Lucy M. and Paul John.

(V). James A. Beamer, only child of Michael (4) and Susan (Ludwick) Beamer, was born July 10, 1855. He was educated in the public schools, and at the age of sixteen years entered the employ of Hartipee & Company, Pittsburg, to learn the trade of machinist. He then went to Altoona and for four years worked in the locomotive shop of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as an apprentice, after which he was appointed to the position of fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad for a short time, and then was advanced to the position of roundhouse foreman at Everson, Pennsylvania. He was then transferred to Derry, and later to Altoona, still in the same capacity. He was advanced to the position of master mechanic in 1896, and was stationed at Tyrone, where he is at present (1906). He is progressive and enterprising, and while in Altoona served as water commissioner. He is a member of all the different Masonic bodies in Altoona, and of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Pittsburg. He is a member of the Reformed church. He married Sarah Lauffer, and has two children: Margaret and Blanche.

M. A. SUTTON, M. D. The family of which Dr. M. A. Sutton, of Avonmore, is a representative, is of English origin, and early in the seventeenth century was founded in Massachusetts, whence it diverged to other states, where its members have filled offices of trust and responsibility.

Jeremiah Sutton was a native of New Jersey and a soldier in the patriot army of the Revolution. In 1800 he migrated to Pennsylvania and settled in Westmoreland county, whence, one year later, he moved to Butler county, and there passed the remainder of his life.

Platt Sutton, son of Jeremiah Sutton, was born in New Jersey and accompanied his father to Pennsylvania, finally settling with him in Butler county. He married Elizabeth Sterling, also a native of New Jersey, and he and his wife spent the remainder of their years in Butler county.

James Sutton, son of Platt and Elizabeth (Sterling) Sutton, was born in Butler county, and married Dorcas Graham, a native of the same county. Their family consisted of the following children: M. A., see forward; E. P.; Lizzie, wife of S. J. Irvin; O. L.; and H. W. The death of the mother occurred in 1895, and that of the father in 1902.

M. A. Sutton, son of James and Dorcas (Graham) Sutton, was born in 1861, in Butler county, reared on his father's farm, and educated in the common schools, whence he passed to Westminster College, from which he graduated. For seven years thereafter he was a successful teacher in Butler and Mercer counties and then entered West Pennsylvania Medical College, Pittsburg, receiving, in 1895, the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The same year he settled in Avonmore, where he has since successfully practiced his profession. He is a member of the Indiana County Medical Association, Lodge No. 272, Knights of Pythias, and the Maccabees, the former of Evans City, Butler county, and the latter of Avonmore. His political principles are those advocated by the Republican party. He is an active member of the Presbyterian church, in which he holds the offices of elder, trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school. He married, in 1900, Mary, daughter of John and Jane Andrews, of Avonmore, and two children have been born to them: Lillian and Irma.

JAMES C. CRIBBS, a real estate and insurance agent at Jeannette, comes of an old Westmoreland county family. He is the son of John M. and





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Maria (Crock) Cribbs, and grandson of Joshua and Elizabeth (Miller) Cribbs and Thomas and Lydia (Landis) Crock. The parents of Mr. Cribb are both living; the father is a retired miller and sawyer. He is a native of Westmoreland county, and was married in Hempfield township. He was born June, 1833, and when a small child his father died and he was reared by an uncle, Captain George A. Cribbs. He learned the milling business and operated the mill at Radabaugh Station. In his religious faith he is a Lutheran. He was one of seven children: George and William, both killed in battle during the Civil war; James, died in childhood; Louisa, became the wife of Henry Blank, of Greensburg; Sarah, became the wife of John Harrold, is now a widow, residing in Hempfield township; Ellen, widow of Henry Keener, of Greensburg; John M., married Maria Crock, born March 3, 1836, and they had a family of ten children, as follows: James C., of whom later; William A., at home; Thomas J., of Denver, Colorado; John George, of McKeesport; David J., of Pittsburg; Alexander N., of New Bethlehem; Ida, at home; Wade, of Irwin; Beatrice, at home; and Henry, at home. William A., of this family, was hurt in a railroad accident in 1880, losing his whole right arm and left hand, but being ambitious and energetic, has since achieved local prominence both in business and politics. He served as justice of the peace in the early history of Jeannette, and has always been a staunch Democrat.

James C. Cribbs was born at Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, in 1858, and received his education in the public schools and at the Greensburg Academy. Before he was fourteen years of age he was agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Grapeville, where he spent four years. He then engaged in merchandising on his own account at Grapeville, as one of the firm of Baughman & Cribbs, which existed for four years. He then went to Greensburg and followed the butcher business for ten years. In 1892 he came to Jeannette and opened a clothing store, which he conducted for three years, and then engaged in the real estate and insurance business, which he still follows. He is an active, public-spirited citizen of the borough, has contributed largely to the material success of the place, and through his efforts some of the factories have been there established. He was one of the organizers of the Jeannette Milling Company. Politically he prefers Prohibition principles, but is thoroughly independent. He is a member of the Order of Heptasophs. Mr. Cribbs married, September, 1879, Lizzie, daughter of Rev. L. B. and Anna (Tintzman) Leasure. Their children are: James L., married Meredith Loughry, one child, Alice E.; Charles C., Anna L., Olive and Elizabeth, all at home. The family are members of the Reformed church at Jeannette, Mr. Cribbs having served on the official boards and as delegate to the higher judicial boards. He has ever taken an active part in Sunday school work, both at home and in the county, denominational and inter-denominational. (For further history of the Cribbs family the reader is referred to the Cribbs sketch of Greensburg in this work).

ROBERT S. LOVE. The progenitor of the Love family in America was of Irish descent. Benjamin Love was born in Ireland, about 1746, and married Margaret Gaston, who also was born in Ireland, about 1747. They emigrated to America about 1787, settled near Greensburg, Pennsylvania. To this union was born ten children. Benjamin Love died about 1802. His wife died March 9, 1848, aged one hundred and one years, one month, twenty-one days, and was buried in Tyrone cemetery. Four children are buried with her: Annie, died January 9, 1857, aged sixty-six years; Margaret, died December 21, 1858, aged sixty-seven years; John, died August 26, 1872, aged seventy-two years; Martha, died June 15, 1877, aged eighty-four years. Two children died

while young. Mary and Jane were twins, born June 28, 1785; one was married to John Morgan, who served fifteen years in congress. The other twin married his brother, Mr. Morgan; they moved to Indianapolis, Indiana.

Benjamin was born June 27, 1795, married Mary Tinsman, and to this union was born fourteen children. He died in 1862.

Robert Love was born September 20, 1797. His occupation was teaming for about six or seven years, and then he purchased a farm in Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for the remainder of his life. He married Catherine Lynch, and to this union was born six children: Margaret L., Benjamin L., James Lynch, Robert Gaston, John and Mary, died while young. His second wife, Mrs. Sarah Herr, bore him one daughter, Eldora, who died while young. He died 1868, in his seventy-third year.

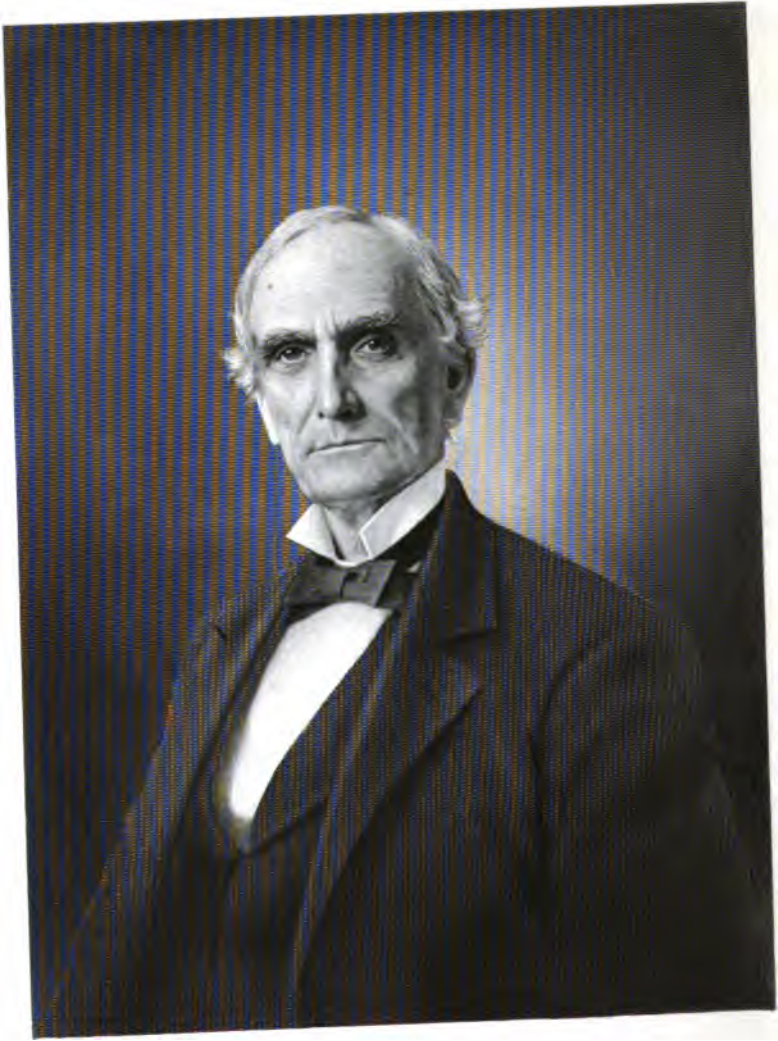
Robert Gaston Love was born January 30, 1836, on the old homestead in Mount Pleasant township, near Weavers Old Stand. This farm, which was in the Love family nearly ninety years, was willed to him at the death of his father. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never been an office-seeker. He is a firm believer in the Bible, does not hold to any sect, but believes in all the commandments and ordinances in the church of God. He has been most liberal in his support to church and charitable work, and is highly esteemed in the country in which he has spent his entire life. He is now seventy years old. He married Mary A. Herr, born January 16, 1846, daughter of Jacob Herr, of near Latrobe, and sister of Susan Maxwell, of United, (now deceased). To this union was born six children, four now living: Sadie U., married Daniel Rumbaugh, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Robert S., married Mary E. Cadman, of West Elizabeth. Annie S., married Samuel M. Steele, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Lucy L., married Clark K. Fox, of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Robert S. Love, the only boy living, resides on the old homestead. He was born June 10, 1865. He received his education in the Byers school in Mount Pleasant township. He took charge of the farm, which he managed for eight years. He then turned his attention to carpentering, which he followed for four years. On the expiration of that period, however, he returned to the old homestead, which he has since supervised, while his father lives a retired life. In 1902 he purchased a choice lot in Youngwood, and the same year erected the largest business building in the borough, it being a credit to the town. January 1, 1902, Mr. Love assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of Youngwood and was made one of the directors, which office he has since filled. He is also a stockholder in the Youngwood Building and Loan Association, and thus his business activity has contributed to the improvement of the borough as well as to his individual success. Mr. Love married, in 1893, Mary E. Cadman, of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. To this union four boys were born, three of which are still living: Robert Gaston, Jr., William Cadman, and Paul Orlanda Love. In his political views Mr. Love is a Democrat, but at local elections he votes for the candidate rather than the party. Mr. Love has greatly furthered benevolent and church work. He is a firm believer in the teachings of Christ. He also belongs to the Woodland Lodge, No. 310, K. of P., of Youngwood, Pennsylvania. He is also very attentive to the welfare of his family, and is one among the best of citizens.

OTTO S. WEAVER. There is probably no more useful man in Scottdale than Otto S. Weaver, grandson of Philip Weaver, who came from Virginia to Westmoreland county and settled near what is now known as Men-



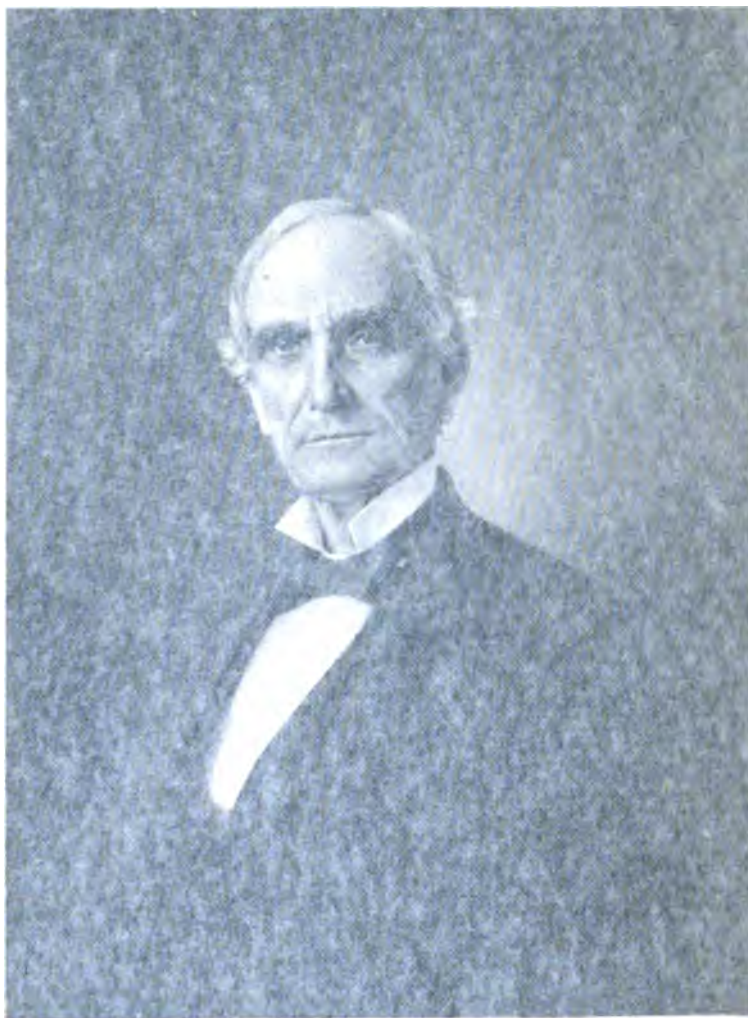




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don, where he was a schoolmaster for many years. About 1862 he moved to Indiana county, and there lived as a farmer during the remainder of his life. He married Mary Canders, who was of Irish descent, and their children were: John S., mentioned hereafter; Fleming, resides in Virginia; Maria, wife of Thomas McGill; Lucinda, married Daniel Shupe; and Elizabeth, married John Falger.

John S. Weaver, son of Philip and Mary (Canders) Weaver, was born in 1850, in Westmoreland county, and was twelve years old when the family moved to Indiana county. He received his education at home under the instruction of his father, whom he assisted in the work of the farm. After his father's death he returned to Westmoreland county, and there engaged in farming until 1870, since which time he has been employed by the Coke Company as yard foreman and coke burner. Mr. Weaver married Catherine Heuburt, and their children are: Otto S., mentioned hereafter. Lavan R., born January 4, 1874, engaged with the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad. Ada, born June 30, 1876, married Bruce Parker. H. Clay, born April 11, 1878, shearman in the mills at Scottdale, married Ellmay Shank, of Pennsville, Pennsylvania. Marcus, born 1881, a mill worker at Scottdale. Delila, born June 30, 1885, wife of Charles Taylor. Winfield L., born July 15, 1889, employed in the coke works of A. L. Keister & Company.

Otto S. Weaver, son of John S. and Catherine (Heuburt) Weaver, was born December 7, 1871, near Wesley Chapel, Westmoreland county, and was educated in the common schools. He remained at home assisting his father until reaching the age of twenty, when he entered the service of the coke company, by whom he was employed as a teamster for about a year and a half. He then learned the trade of barber with Homer Milliron, with whom he remained four years, and then established himself on the site which he has since occupied and where he carries on a successful business. In July, 1905, he sold out his barber business and engaged in the picture frame and general art business, opening up a store on Pittsburg street, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, engaging several salesmen, and is doing a good business. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., No. 885, the F. O. E., No. 1007, and is department great commander of the K. O. T. M., No. 386, all of Scottdale. In politics he is an active Republican. He is a member of the Disciple church of Scottdale. Mr. Weaver married M. Luetta, daughter of Alexander and Mary Ann (Arrison) Johnson, and they had five children: Ronald, born April 27, 1897; Arthur Wade, born June, 1899; Glen Johnson, born September, 1901; Margaret Leotta, born April 23, 1903, died July 29, 1904; and Verna Blanch, born June 29, 1905.

THOMAS MELLON, a son of Andrew and Rebecca (Wauchob) Mellon, was born February 3, 1813, at Lower Castleton, county Tyrone, Ireland, his family having emigrated to this country and settled near Murrys ville, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1818.

His education, begun at an early age at his mother's knee, was continued through the usual country schools, the Greensburg Academy, a preparatory school conducted by Rev. Jonathan Gill, to the Western University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with honors in 1837. He had already registered at the bar in September, 1835, and after studying in the office of Honorable Charles Shaler while also acting as clerk in the prothonotary's office, he was admitted December 15, 1838, and opened an office the following June. Not paying particular attention to any one branch of the law at the expense of another, Thomas Mellon continued practicing until the first Monday of December, 1859, when he was elected a law judge of the courts of common pleas, orphans'

court, and criminal court, of Allegheny county. He served on the bench for a period of ten years and then retired to private life, not desiring re-election as various personal enterprises into which he had embarked took up all his time and attention. He concluded to open a banking house on January 1, 1870, which was known as T. Mellon and Sons' bank until the formation of the Mellon National bank on July 1, 1902. In addition to his bank he early saw the possibilities of the coal business; and he was also one of the first to advocate the buying of real estate, laying out into lots and selling on very liberal terms to people of small means desirous of owning their own homes. Several prominent citizens of Ligonier interested in procuring a branch to connect with the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, offered Judge Mellon, in 1877, strong inducements to assist them in its construction. This was finally agreed to and he contracted with these gentlemen to build the Ligonier Valley railroad, and jointly with his sons made such rapid progress that in a very short time trains were running to the great satisfaction of all the inhabitants of the valley. Judge Mellon had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Pittsburg and the neighboring towns to whom his wonderful memory for persons and events on many occasions has proved a mine of information, and he was never so busy he could not find time to enlighten some anxious inquirer on matters that happened years ago. Until 1893 he was more or less actively engaged in business, keeping separate and distinct in his mind in a truly marvelous way the many enterprises in which he was interested; and his clear perception and remarkable judgment have been used on many occasions to his great advantage and that of his business associates. About this time his eighty years of active and useful life began to tell upon his never very robust constitution, so that he has been content to remain quietly at home, feeling sure that his sons would properly carry on the various and manifold interests he had been instrumental in starting, and at the time of this article is in his ninety-third year. He married, April 22, 1843, Sarah J., daughter of Jacob Negley, by whom he had eight children, five of whom lived to manhood.

**CRAIG FAMILY.** The genealogy of the Craig family is difficult if not impossible to trace now beyond Samuel Craig, Sr., who was of Scotch-Irish descent. He resided for several years in New Jersey, then removed to Franklin county, and in 1769 removed to Westmoreland county and settled on a tract of land east of the Loyalhanna, which he purchased from Thomas Burbridge, and which still remains in the possession of the family. The first wife of Samuel Craig was Elizabeth McDonald, a Scotch lady, to whom he was married before coming to the United States. They were the parents of nine children, two of whom died in infancy, both they and their mother dying of smallpox within three days. The surviving members of the family were: John, Alexander, Samuel, Jr., Esther, Rose, Elizabeth, and Mary. Before his removal to Westmoreland county he married his second wife, who was an Irish lady, by name Jane Boyd, and in due course of time six more children were added to his family: Andrew, Joseph, William, Jane, Nancy, and Rebecca. He and his three eldest sons—John, Alexander and Samuel, Jr., served in the revolutionary army. Mr. Craig, Sr., was a commissary and his duties as such called him to Fort Ligonier, but on the way he was captured by Indians on Chestnut Ridge, and all efforts to ascertain his fate were without avail. His horse was found dead, November 2, 1777. (this was about the date of his capture), perforated by eight bullets, and fragments of paper strewn along the path indicated the route taken by the Indians. That was all, except that some years afterward captives rescued from Indians were reported





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as saying that an old white man was left behind because he was too sick and infirm to come with them. This rumor, however, could not be verified.

John Craig, eldest son of Samuel Craig, Sr., was born April 27, 1753. He was twenty years old when he became a soldier in the revolutionary war. On one occasion, while scouting in the vicinity of Wallace's Fort, he narrowly escaped being captured by the Indians. He was pursued so hotly that he was obliged to throw away his gun. Relieved of its weight he was just able to reach the fort. He served faithfully through the war, and is mentioned in history as "famous in Border Warfare." He married Martha Clark, and removed from his father's home, in Westmoreland county, to a farm of his own near Freeport. Here he resided during the remainder of his life, which ended in his ninety-fifth year.

General Alexander Craig, second son of Samuel Craig, Sr., was born November 20, 1755. He entered the army at the age of nineteen, and later was a lieutenant in the company of Captain John Shields. He was with the army, under General Washington, that crossed the Delaware, and fought the battles of Trenton and Princeton. He endured the hardships of the campaign in the Jerseys, and finally returned home to contend with the Indians. When the war of 1812 came General Craig said, "I am growing old, but if my service can help my country, I am ready to go." He was not needed, however, and lived on along the lines of peace, amidst his kindred and neighbors till October 29, 1832, when, at the age of seventy-seven, he died and his remains were buried in Congruity cemetery. General Craig married Jane Clark, a daughter of James Clark, Esq., who was one of the defenders of the fort at Hannastown when that place was destroyed by the Indians. His family consisted of three sons and five daughters: James, died at forty years of age; Alexander, died in infancy; Samuel, also died in infancy; Elizabeth, married Major Moorehead, and died in early life; Sarah, Maria, Margaret C., who had entered her ninety-fifth year shortly before her death; she had then been the last survivor of her family for more than forty-four years; Jane died in early womanhood.

Samuel Craig Jr., third son of Samuel Craig, Sr., was first lieutenant in the company of Captain Orr, who was the father of the late General Robert Orr, of Kittanning. Like his father he, too, was captured by the Indians, and while crossing the Miami river they attempted to drown him. He was thrown into the river and then they tried to keep his head under water by pushing him with their paddles. When he evaded them and grasped the canoe, they beat his hands off and thrust him down. This they did over and again until his strength was almost gone, and then one of them claimed him as his prisoner, helped him into the canoe, and took him under his protection. At another time Samuel Craig's remarkable nerve, readiness, and skill in singing saved his life. He and five other captives were made to sit on a log and have their faces painted black to indicate their doom. At this moment Mr. Craig raised his voice in song and made the welkin to resound with melody. He sang on and on and while he sang some of the Indians came up behind and with one fell stroke buried their tomahawks in the heads of all the victims with the exception of Mr. Craig. Finally, after enduring great suffering and many hardships, he was sold to the English for a gallon of whiskey, was exchanged as a prisoner of war, and joyfully returned to his family. Mr. Craig married a daughter of Captain John Shields, by whom he had five sons and two daughters. He died in 1808 from hemorrhage resulting from the extraction of a tooth.

Among the descendants of Samuel, Sr., and Elizabeth (McDonald) Craig who are now living are: Rev. H. T. McClelland, D. D., of Washington, Penn-

sylvania; Dr. George Craig, of Rock Island, Illinois; Mrs. Mary Griffin, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Jane E. Lightcap, of Unity, Pennsylvania; and Professor William C. McClelland, of Washington and Jefferson College. Among the living descendants of Samuel, Sr., and Jane (Boyd) Craig are: T. D. Cunningham, of Blairsville, Pennsylvania; Rev. Freeman Wallace, missionary to Mexico; Rev. T. D. Wallace, of Chicago, Illinois; Miss Mamie Craig, of Altoona, Pennsylvania; and the Mooreheads, Hills and Ogdens, of Ligonier, Pennsylvania. There are now (1905) no surviving grandchildren of Samuel Craig, Sr. The last of these was Margaret C. Craig, whose prudent chronicling of family history has supplied much material for this sketch. She was born in 1805, and died in 1899, in the old home at New Alexandria. She was a true Daughter of the Revolution, and one of the cherished mementoes left by her is the gold spoon presented her by that order. Mrs. Elizabeth Craig, a worthy representative of that sturdy race, born in 1825, died January 2, 1906. She lies in the private cemetery of the Craig family on the home farm. Jane Maria Craig, her daughter, was born in 1848. Only children, both, and daughter and granddaughter of Margaret C. Craig. Here, mid war memories of other days, these last survivors of their family viewed from their windows the victories of peace. The savage no longer lurks furtively about to do them harm, the wild things of stream and woodland are gone, the woods themselves are fled from before the fields, and out of the scarred and deep-pierced earth there comes a steady stream of coal, which, tumbled into cars, is whirled away to a busy world beyond, over gleaming rails that trench upon the very dooryard of the old home of the Craig family.

JOHN BUGHER KUHN, deceased, familiarly known as "Bud," one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of Greensburg, was a native of that city, born April 7, 1861, a son of the late Phillip S. and Ellen (Bugher) Kuhns, pioneer residents of this vicinity. Phillip S. Kuhns was a substantial business man, and at his death, May 10, 1884, was regarded as a wealthy man for that time. He left an estate valued at about \$100,000. The estate was left to his widow, Ellen (Bugher) Kuhns, who was noted for her aristocratic bearing and gentleness of demeanor, and at her death, December 18, 1893, the estate went in equal shares to her children. Phillip S. and Ellen (Bugher) Kuhns were the parents of several children, among whom were: John Bugher, Mrs. Emma Shallenberger, of Edgewood Park; Harriet A., Mrs. Goodman, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Rachel Bartholomew, of Butler county; and Aaron H. Kuhns, of Tacoma, Washington.

John Bugher Kuhns received a common school education in Greensburg, and in 1884 graduated from the University of Indianapolis. Upon graduation he engaged actively in business. In 1891, having previously converted his share of the estate into cash, he with his brother-in-law, C. L. Goodwin, removed to Dunlo, in the Allegheny mountains, where they engaged in the lumber business. Mr. Kuhns devoted himself intelligently and industriously to the task he had fixed, and within a year after he had entered the mountain ranges he was esteemed one of the largest lumber men in the state. The mountains yielded rich returns for his energies, and ere he left the lumber fields he had harvested every available stick on his vast possessions. About 1904 Mr. Kuhns disposed of his Dunlo lumber interests, and with his wife returned to Greensburg. He was interested in lumber tracts in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and had other investments, especially in West Virginia, and his time was principally spent in looking after these holdings. Mr. Kuhns was a man of pleasing personality, scrupulously honest in all his trans-

actions, generous and always fair, and although frail physically, was sustained by a manhood that always seemed majestic.

Mr. Kuhns' death was due to Bright's disease, and the ailment dated back twenty years, his father and uncles on both sides of the family having died of the same disease. His life was undoubtedly prolonged by his open air occupation, this particular field of industry being selected because of the advice of Dr. De Costa, of Philadelphia. Mr. Kuhns was a man of refined tastes and scholarly attainments. His reading was always along the lines of the classical. Burns was his favorite poet. He was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln and Henry George, because they believed in the common man, and man's justice to his fellowman. Mr. Kuhns was always so kindly considerate for those in his employ. He believed that true philanthropy consisted in good wages for a fair day's work. He despised the modern methods of squeezing money out of people who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow. All those who had been in his employ from far and near that could possibly come, attended his funeral or sent messages of sympathy. In his younger days Mr. Kuhns was something of an athlete, and greatly encouraged through life all such healthy clean sports. He was one of the first to help build up an interest in baseball in Westmoreland county, and many an old timer will recall the pitching and batting and running of Bud Kuhns. He was also a fine shot and fond of hunting.

In 1886 Mr. Kuhns married Miss Tade Hartsuff, a member of a prominent New Castle family. They had met while students in the same university. This union was not blessed with children.

Mr. Kuhns died at the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, January 2, 1906, and his remains were interred in the family plot in Greensburg. He enjoyed the acquaintance of a large circle of friends, not only in Greensburg but many other places. He was of a quiet and retiring disposition, but when known was greatly beloved, so sweetly unselfish and kind was he, especially to those in need or trouble. His greatest ambition was attained, for he aspired to be like his father, Phillip Kuhns, whose fine character and good citizenship still live after twenty years in the memory of his friends and neighbors.

CYRUS F. KUNKLE, one of the well-known business men of Greensburg, is the great-great-grandson of Jacob Kunkle, who emigrated from Germany to the United States and for a time lived as a farmer in Westmoreland county, spending his last years, however, in his former home in eastern Pennsylvania. He left a son who passed his life in Westmoreland county and was the father of Michael Kunkle, who was one of the leading farmers of the county, an influential Democrat, a member of the German Reformed church, and served as major in a Westmoreland county regiment. He married Mary Mechling, and of their eight children two were sons: Daniel, a resident of Greensburg; and Amos, of whom later. Mr. Kunkle was accidentally killed by a threshing machine when he had reached the age of sixty-eight.

Amos Kunkle, son of Michael and Mary (Mechling) Kunkle, was born July 11, 1838, in Hempfield township, and was educated in the common schools. At the age of twenty-one he went to Greensburg, where for eleven years he was engaged with his brother Daniel in the planing-mill business. He then returned to the home farm, which he cultivated on behalf of his mother during the remainder of her life, his father being then deceased. After the death of his mother he bought the farm and resided there until 1900,

when he sold the coal land, retaining a large portion of the estate, and moved to Greensburg, where he has since been engaged in building and selling houses. While living on the farm he served as a member of the school board in his district. He is a Republican in politics, and for several years filled the offices of deacon and elder in the First Reformed church, of which he is now one of the trustees. Mr. Kunkle married, October 5, 1861, Sarah, daughter of Jacob Kepple, of Stony Springs, Hempfield township, and eight children have been born to them: John E., an attorney in Greensburg; Mary M., wife of Joseph Robinson, of Greensburg; Cyrus F., a merchant in Ludwick borough; Elmer E., in business in Greensburg; William, an attorney in Greensburg, resides at home; Arthur, in business as a butcher in Ludwick borough; Albert, attending the College of Dentistry in Philadelphia; and George, deceased.

Cyrus F. Kunkle, son of Amos and Sarah (Kepple) Kunkle, was born September 18, 1866, in Greensburg, and was eight years of age when the family returned to the farm. It was there that he grew to manhood, assisting his father in the labors of the homestead. In 1896 or 1897 he engaged in the dairy business and followed the same four years, and in the spring of 1901 went to Ludwick. There he turned his attention to commerce, and has, for some time, been one of the leading merchants of the borough, having become so by close application to business and strict adherence to the principles of integrity. He is now serving on the school board. He belongs to Greensburg Camp, No. 18, W. O. W., votes with the Republicans, and is a member of the First Reformed church. Mr. Kunkle married, March 10, 1897, Margaret, daughter of Jonas Langhner, of Manor Station, and they have four children: Robert, Elizabeth, Evelyn, and Cyrus F.

GEORGE A. HUNGER. By descent George A. Hunger, of Vandergrift, is a German, by birth and education a loyal American citizen. His grandfather, Andrew Hunger, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was an influential factor in the political life of the province, serving for years in a capacity somewhat analogous to that of governor in the United States. At the time of his death he was one hundred and three years old.

Martin Hunger, son of Andrew Hunger, was born in Wurtemberg, and grew up near the church in which the doctrines of the reformation had been preached by its greatest apostle, Martin Luther. He received a finished collegiate education, and in 1855, when but twenty-two years of age, and when a bright future opened before him in his native country, he left home secretly and emigrated to the United States. He went directly to Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased a farm near Springs Church, on which he lived until 1861. His liberal education and knowledge of the languages caused him to be frequently called into conference as an interpreter and rendered him a man of influence in the community. In 1861 he removed to the oil fields, settling in Oil City, and for some nine years was an operator in that newly discovered branch of industry. During the first few years he accumulated a fortune, but manipulation of the market, together with the action of some of his associates, practically threw him out of business. In 1870 he returned to Armstrong county, took up his abode at Elderton and once more became a farmer. He continued to devote himself to agricultural pursuits until three or four years ago, when he retired and is now living in Kittanning. He is a staunch Democrat and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Hunger married Catharine, daughter of George and Mary (Kneppshield) Ammond, and they had a son and a daughter: George A., mentioned hereinafter; and Margaret, wife of Samuel Lucas, of Hite, Pennsylvania. The mother of



George A. Hanger





these children died in 1891, and Mr. Hunger subsequently married Catharine Kauffman. By this marriage there were four children, three of whom survive.

George A. Hunger, son of Martin and Catharine (Ammond) Hunger, was born June 20, 1857, near Spring Church, Armstrong county, and at the age of twelve or thirteen went to live with William Crosby, a neighboring farmer, for whom he worked until he attained his majority. He then apprenticed himself to the brickmaker's trade, and after the expiration of his time worked for two years as a journeyman, afterward engaging in brickmaking for himself. He was chosen by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to superintend the manufacture of the brick for the Salina tunnel, and in this position was employed some fifteen months. He then went to Leechburg, purchased a brickyard, and engaged in the manufacture of brick. In 1895 he organized the Hyde Park Machine & Foundry Company, of which he was elected president and manager, remaining in office until the successful completion of the plant, when he sold his interest and retired from the firm. He next removed to what is now Vandergrift, where he had the contract for building the retaining wall around the steel plant, the neighboring stone quarries being of great advantage to him in the work. His present business building was the first structure ever erected on the site of Vandergrift, and in this he conducted his transactions as a contractor and dealer in builders' supplies, being constantly employed in advancing the growth of the town. He was connected with the building, not only of many residences, but also with the erection of a number of the principal business and office blocks. He carries a full line of lumber and mill work, doors, sash, blinds, mouldings, shingles and lath, a dealer in sand, cement, sewer pipe, hollow building blocks, Cleveland sawed stone, glass, tile, fire, red pressed and all kinds of building brick and hard plaster, coal, hay and feed, also agent for white pearl lime.

During the entire period of his residence in Leechburg he was a member of the borough council and also of the school board. Soon after coming to Vandergrift he was appointed justice of the peace and has served continuously ever since, having been elected in 1899 and 1904 for five year terms. In 1898-99 he was assessor for the borough of Vandergrift, and in the latter year was appointed burgess of the borough to fill the unexpired term of Oscar Lindquist, who removed from the borough one month after taking his seat. After the expiration of his term in December, 1903, Mr. Hunger was elected to succeed himself for another three years' term. In 1903 he was elected state delegate by his party. He has acted as deputy coroner for eight years. Mr. Hunger is a director in the Vandergrift Savings & Trust Company, the Vandergrift Casino Company and the Vandergrift Savings & Loan Company. He is also president of the Vandergrift Library Association, and the Vandergrift News Company. Fraternally he is connected with the following organizations: The F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., the P. S. of A., the K. P. and the R. A. He is a Republican in politics, and for many years has been an active worker in the organization. In religion he is a Lutheran.

Mr. Hunger married, December 29, 1880, Kate Kiestler, of Leechburg, Armstrong county, and their children are: Nellie E. A., wife of James Hamilton, of Tarentum, Pennsylvania; William C., assistant to his father; Samuel K., flagman on local freight, Pennsylvania railroad; Arthur D., at Gettysburg College; Edith B., John W., at home; Helen, at home; George A., Jr., at home.

BENJAMIN F. SHAFFER, whose varied and extensive business interests make him one of the leading business men of Ligonier, was born in

Donegal township, Westmoreland county, December 26, 1857. It is definitely known that his great-grandparents were residents of that township and there occurred the birth of his grandfather, Adam Shaffer, who spent his entire life there devoting his attention to the cultivation and improvement of his farm. He married a Miss Bierly, and their children were: William; John; Henry; Susan, the wife of Joseph Faust; Mary, wife of E. P. Fry; Christinna, wife of Jacob Harr; Nancy, wife of Rev. John Welfly; and Julia, wife of Jonathan Hay.

William Shaffer, son of Adam Shaffer, was born in Donegal township, in 1833, was reared to farm life, and always followed agricultural pursuits. He married Susan Weimer and they had eight children: B. F.; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Christinna, deceased wife of Michael Conroy; James; Nelson W., a miller in Somerset county, Pennsylvania; Edward B., who is engaged in partnership in the lumber and coal business with his brother in Ligonier; Emerson, a farmer and dealer in lumber in Donegal township; and John R., a farmer of Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county.

Benjamin F. Shaffer is indebted to the public schools of his native county for the educational privileges which equipped him for his business career. He was reared to farm life under the parental roof, and assisted in the operation of the home farm until twenty-one years of age. He also carried the mail from Jones' Mill to Somerset, Pennsylvania, and on attaining his majority he began farming on his own account, in Donegal township, on land belonging to his father-in-law. This he continued to cultivate and improve for three years, at the end of which time he purchased a farm in Donegal township, located on the Four Mile Run and known as a part of the John Porch farm. There he remained for twenty years, and gave his attention to the tilling of the soil in connection with dealing in stock. Subsequently he removed to Ligonier and purchased an estate on which he has since built several houses and made extensive improvements. He also owns a farm near the borough line of Ligonier, which he is also engaged in operating. He is likewise engaged in the coal trade, which he is conducting under the name of the Smith Coal Company, and he is engaged in the manufacture of lumber, operating a portable saw mill. In July, 1904, he and his brother Edward purchased the lumber yard of J. W. Ambrose and have since carried on business there under the firm name of B. F. Shaffer & Brother. Mr. Shaffer has thus inaugurated and managed a number of successful business ventures, which not only contribute to his individual prosperity but also promote the general welfare, by advancing industrial and commercial activity in the borough. He is a very active member of the Lutheran church, and his labors and financial support have been an important factor in its upbuilding. He married Laura C. Crawford, a daughter of Alexander and Margaret Crawford, of Donegal township, and they became the parents of four children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Ida C., the wife of Ralph Erwin, of Ligonier; Norman L. and Margaret May, both at home.

EDWARD B. SHAFFER, born in Donegal township, March 2, 1872, acquired his education in the common schools of Westmoreland county, and in early life began work on the home farm, being thus employed until seventeen years of age, when he began delivering coal from McKeesport Landing. He was thus engaged for about seven years, and for five years he was connected with the saw mill business. He then purchased a farm at Jones' Mill and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits for two years, on the expiration of which period he returned to Ligonier and joined his brother in

the lumber and coal business. They have acquired a good patronage and are now conducting a successful business. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Ligonier. He married Nettie Ringler, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Ringler, of Donegal township, Westmoreland county. She died August 11, 1903, leaving a son, Loren W., born November 2, 1892.

JOHN P. KILGORE, a member of the Kilgore Bottling Company, of Greensburg, one of the leading industries of that section of Westmoreland county, traces his ancestry to James Kilgore, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and came from his birthplace in Ireland to the Cumberland valley in Pennsylvania before 1740.

Captain David Kilgore, son of James Kilgore, the immigrant, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1745, removed to Westmoreland county before the revolutionary war and in 1776 was commissioned captain of a company in the Eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Line. He sold a valuable mill property for money with which to clothe his company and never asked or received any compensation from the government. He served throughout the war, returned home, and was a justice of the peace for many years. He owned three large farms in Westmoreland and several more in Indiana county. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Sarah Mickey, of Cumberland county, and they had seven sons and three daughters. He died July 11, 1814, and his widow died December 14, 1830, aged eighty-six years.

John Kilgore, son of Captain David and Sarah (Mickey) Kilgore, born in 1777, died November 22, 1847. He was a successful farmer, a staunch member of the Presbyterian church, and a loyal adherent of Democratic principles. He married Nancy Hunter, born in Ireland, February 2, 1772, died December 22, 1852, daughter of Alexander Hunter, and a descendant of a Scotch-Irish ancestry. Their children were: 1. Jesse, born September 9, 1808, deceased. He taught school three terms, next conducted a store for two years, and then turned his attention to farming in Hempfield township. He served as justice of the peace in 1845, was re-elected in 1887, and from 1858 to 1860 held the office of county treasurer. He was a member of the Presbyterian church for over sixty years, and a Democrat in politics. He married (first), February 12, 1835, Mary Poorman, and their children were: Nancy, died at the age of seventeen years; Louisa C., married Joseph J. Johnston, deceased, who practiced law in Greensburg; John P., a merchant at George Station, married Margaret Long; and Mary, wife of James Perry, of Pittsburg. Jesse Kilgore married (second) Mary Gilchrist. 2. David, born April 15, 1810, died September, 1851. He married Emily G. Kinkaid, April 8, 1845, and their children were: William Alexander, born January 18, 1846, married Annie Cope, and they were drowned with their three children in the Johnstown flood; Anna Burrell, born July 24, 1847, married Frank Jack, of Peoria, Illinois; she died January 6, 1905; David Hunter, born May 10, 1849, died January 21, 1884, married Sarah M. Borlin, daughter of James Borlin, and they had two children, a son who died in infancy and David Kinkaid; John Pressley, born November 10, 1851, met his death in November 1868, on the Pennsylvania railroad, while in the discharge of his duties as passenger brakeman. 3. John, born September 12, 1811, deceased. 4. Alexander, born August 10, 1813, mentioned later. 5. Nancy, born January 9, 1816, deceased.

Alexander Kilgore, fourth son of John and Nancy (Hunter) Kilgore, born August 10, 1813, died January 12, 1881. He was elected sheriff of Westmore-

land county in 1871, which office he served faithfully the three following years. He married Elizabeth Fulwood, died September 1900, daughter of David Fulwood, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Their children were: 1. David Fulwood, born 1856, died April 1, 1904. He married Elizabeth Highberger, daughter of John H. Highberger, of Greensburg, and their children were: John Alexander, David Fulwood, Richard Pollard, Elizabeth, Jerome, Donald. 2. Nancy, married A. M. Sloan, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. 3. Gertrude, married George McClellan Kilgore, of Port Washington, Ohio, deceased. 4. Elizabeth, married Harry H. Fisher, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. 5. John P., mentioned later. 6. Alexander.

John P. Kilgore, second son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Fulwood) Kilgore, was born in Ludwick, now Greensburg, June 18, 1868. He was educated at the old academy, and for the past eight years has been a member of the Kilgore Bottling Company, of Greensburg, which enterprise he has managed most successfully. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of Greensburg, and a staunch Democrat in politics. He is a man of sterling principles and commands the respect of all who know him. He married Ada Kuhn, daughter of Frank B. Kuhn, of Mount Pleasant township, and their children are: Robert Alexander, born March 10, 1895; Helen Pauline, and Rebecca Louise.

HARRY C. WILSON. The parents of Harry C. Wilson, of Avonmore, are Perry B. and Sarah Wilson, both natives of Fayette county. Mr. Wilson was a cooper by trade and a good mechanic. He is an old resident of Fayette county, and has now retired from active labor. He and his wife are the parents of four sons and two daughters: Lizzie, wife of William Henry, now deceased; Media, at home; Abram C., Harry C., mentioned hereinafter; Chester R., born September 1, 1873, in Fayette county, came in 1895 to Avonmore, and holds the office of notary public; and Charles Z.

Harry C. Wilson, son of Perry B. and Sarah Wilson, was born in 1871, in Fayette county, where he received a common school education. In 1892 he went to Avonmore, where he purchased the Commercial Hotel, which he conducted until 1895, when he disposed of the same. In 1899, in partnership with his brother, Chester R., he embarked in the hardware business in Avonmore; under the firm name of Wilson Brothers. The connection was maintained until 1901, when Mr. Wilson sold his interest and his brother now carries on the business alone. In 1902 Mr. Wilson erected the Wilson Hotel, of which he has since been the successful proprietor. It is built on the most modern plan and furnished in the most complete and artistic manner, its lodging capacity comprising thirty rooms. It is a brick structure and its entire cost, including furniture, was twenty thousand dollars. Mr. Wilson was one of the organizers and is director and treasurer of the Avonmore Cemetery Company. Mr. Wilson married Annie Hudson, daughter of James R. Hudson, of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, and one child has been born to them, a daughter, named Ruth E.

WHITESELL FAMILY. The numerous and well known race represented by J. F. and Harry W. Whitesell, both of Salina, was planted in this country by John Whitesell, a native of Germany, who settled in Northampton county, but later migrated to Westmoreland, taking up his abode in Allegheny township. He and his wife, who was a native of Holland, were the parents of three sons: John, mentioned hereinafter; Jonathan, and Philip.

John Whitesell, son of John Whitesell, the emigrant, was born in 1788, in Westmoreland county, and became a farmer of some importance, owning one hundred and thirty acres. He also drove a four-horse wagon between Pittsburg, Philadelphia and Baltimore, often passing the night on the road and sleeping in the wagon. His wife was Catharine Clawson, born in 1782, in Bell township, and their children were: Isaac, Mary A., James, Eliza, Ellen, Jonathan, Susanna, Peter, mentioned hereinafter; and Alexander. Of this number Jonathan only survives. Mr. Whitesell died in 1875.

Peter Whitesell, son of John and Catharine (Clawson) Whitesell, was born in 1830, in Bell township, where he was reared and educated. In early youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed at Perrysville where he owned a small farm. In 1877 he moved to Salina, where he purchased some village property. He married Nancy J., daughter of John and Charlotte Muffley, and their children were: J. F., see forward; Harry W., see forward; W. J., see forward; G. L., see forward; Laura B., deceased; and Lillie P., wife of W. R. Carnahan.

J. F. Whitesell, son of Peter and Nancy J. (Muffley) Whitesell, was born April 9, 1861, at Perrysville, where he was educated in the common schools. About 1879 he was employed as clerk, agent and general manager for the store and office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Salina, and in 1883, when the station was moved to its present site, he took entire charge. This position he still retains. For ten years he held the office of township treasurer, was elected justice of the peace for one term, and is now serving as school director. Mr. Whitesell married in 1887, Matilda C. Anderson, and their children were: Howard A., Frank E. L., Marion G., Hazel M., and Ruth I.

Harry W. Whitesell, son of Peter and Nancy J. (Muffley) Whitesell, was born December 9, 1864, at Perrysville, where he received a common school education. At an early age he was employed by the Keir Brothers at their fire-brick plant at Salina, and in 1889 was promoted to the position of superintendent. The output at that time was eight thousand bricks daily. The capacity has now risen to thirty thousand and is still increasing. The force of men employed is one hundred and fifteen. Like his brother, Mr. Whitesell has held the office of school director. Mr. Whitesell married in 1880, Ann, daughter of George Almes, and they have one son, Charles F. Whitesell.

W. J. Whitesell, son of Peter and Nancy J. (Muffley) Whitesell, was born in 1870, and is in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He married Lizzie Barker, and their children are: Verne, Lisle, Mildred, Gladys and Carl.

G. L. Whitesell, son of Peter and Nancy J. (Muffley) Whitesell, was born in 1874, and is assistant superintendent of the Keir fire-brick works. He married Margaret Nixon, and four children have been born to them: Ruhat, Bertha, Dwight and Margaret.

GEORGE W. HUEY, a prosperous and influential business man of Greensburg, whose fine stone residence, Ross Place, named in memory of Lord Ross, is located on East Pittsburg street, is a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, born June 18, 1839, a son of John and Hester Anna (Slemmens) Huey, and grandson of Robert and Isabelle Ross Huey, who came to this country from Ireland in 1790, and who were related to the nobles of Ireland, the latter named having been a connection of Lord Ross. They endured the privations and dangers to life from wild animals incident to a pioneer settlement, they having taken up their abode upon their arrival here at the foot

of Chestnut Ridge, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. The grandmother of George W. Huey had one encounter with a bear which had captured a pig from the sty; she followed it among the rocks with an axe for a weapon and compelled it to give up its prey.

John Huey (father) was born in the north of Ireland, and when three years old was brought by his parents to this country, they settling as afore-said in Fayette county, near Mount Vernon. He married Hester Anna Slemmens, daughter of John Slemmens, who was a soldier in the revolutionary war, was taken prisoner on board a man-of-war, and their provisions being scarce the prisoners were allowed to swim to an island to procure water-melons, the officers not thinking that any would attempt to swim the distance to the other shore, which was three miles. Mr. Slemmens and another prisoner made the attempt, but when half-way across the other man turned back but Mr. Slemmens kept on and gained his liberty. George Huey, brother of Robert Huey, served throughout the entire period of the war of 1812, filling the office of captain, and for the remainder of his life received a pension for his services.

George W. Huey, son of John and Hester Anna (Slemmens) Huey, received his education in the common schools near Pennsylvania, which he attended until he was twenty years of age. For a number of years thereafter he was engaged in teaching school, a vocation for which he was thoroughly qualified, and then turned his attention to the trade of papering and painting, at which he worked as a contractor for a quarter of a century, after which he opened a paint, paper, and glass store on his own account, which he has successfully conducted up to the present time (1905), and which yields him a goodly profit in return for labor expended. On August 4, 1864, during the process of the civil war, he enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and received an honorable discharge at the close of the war in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Huey married, July 16, 1868, Sabina Althea Cooper, born March 26, 1848, in Connelsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Alford and Catherine (Freeman) Cooper, granddaughter of Edmund Freeman, who served through the war of 1812, and great-great-granddaughter of Captain Wetzell, who served through the war of the revolution. Their children are as follows: Thomas J., deceased; Benjamin F., deceased; Maude, deceased; George C., deceased; Catharine Blanche, a graduate and post-graduate of Mount Pleasant Institute of Music; and Althea Fern, a student at the same school, from which she expects to graduate in 1906.

**KUHN FAMILY.** Adam Kuhn, a retired merchant of near Claridge, lives on the farm that is the southern limit of what was Penn's Manor, being a part of the five thousand or more acres granted to William Penn by the King of England. The Kuhn family have contributed to the church eight ministers and twenty-one elders. Adam Kuhn traces his ancestry back to the year 1700, when Adam Kuhn, an ancestor, was born in the city of Amsterdam. At the age of forty he married a lady in Holland named Eve, and immigrated to America, settling in New Jersey. His children were Nicholas, Mansfield, Michael, and one daughter, Mary.

Mansfield Kuhn, son of Adam Kuhn, was a soldier and died in the revolutionary war. He had five sons and three daughters, whose names were Archibald, Adam, Samuel, David, John, Eve, Mary and Nancy.

Adam Kuhn, son of Mansfield Kuhn, was a man of considerable literary ability and a regular contributor for many years to the journal now known

as the "Presbyterian Banner." He was a devout member of the Presbyterian church, in which for years he served as ruling elder, and the community in which he lived felt his christian influence at all times, as he was an indefatigable worker in the cause of christianity. His family consisted of the following children: Adam a banker, at Wellsburgh, Virginia; David, who lived at the old homestead near Alpsville on the Youghioghenny river; James, a noted member of the Pittsburg bar, formerly professor of languages at Lafayette College; John, a physician at McKeesport, and Anne, who was Mrs. Sampson, of Sampson's Mills.

David Kuhn, son of Adam Kuhn, lived to the age of ninety-three years; he died August, 1895. His wife was Jane Caven, daughter of Major William Caven, well and favorably known in Allegheny county, having been sheriff, and for many years superintendent of the Pittsburg and Philadelphia turnpike, an important highway at that early date, before the advent of railroads. Their family comprised five sons and one daughter: Adam, William, James, Edwin, Robert and Sarah.

Adam Kuhn, son of David Kuhn, was born in Parsales township, Allegheny county, 1834. He conducted a variety store in Altoona for a number of years, is now retired and lives on a farm at Claridge. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and a Republican in politics. He married, September 21, 1865, Emline Wilson, at the old Wilson homestead near Clarion, Clarion county. She was the daughter of Colonel John McConnell and Ruth (Goheen) Wilson. Both her paternal and maternal grandfathers were pioneer settlers of that region, having come there about the year 1800, when it was all a wilderness and infested with Indians. Robert Wilson was the father of John Wilson, and his was the second marriage in that settlement. He married Sarah McConnell, who was noted for her beauty as well as for her graces as a wife, mother, and housekeeper. Robert and Sarah Wilson had nine children, five sons and four daughters: Samuel, John, Stewart, David, Robert, Elizabeth, Jane, Nancy and Mary Ann. About the year 1822 Robert Wilson took the only newspaper in the country; his son John was a good reader and read the news often, on evenings, to the neighbors, at the hospitable home of the Wilsons. John lived all his life of more than sixty years at the old homestead. His brothers and sisters all settled in that neighborhood, and their descendants are now good, influential citizens of the community, and the second one of the family is now presiding judge of the court there.

Adam and Emline (Wilson) Kuhn, of Claridge, have four children: 1. David Wilson, born November 6, 1866, is an alumnus of Ohio University. He studied law with Honorable D. J. Neff, of Altoona. He practiced law in Knoxville, Tennessee, for a few years, and for five years has been a member of the Pittsburg bar, his office being at No. 615 Bakewell building. He married, September 26, 1896, at her home in Brewer, Maine, Miss Antoinette Golay, who through her mother is related to Clara Barton, of the Red Cross society. Her father, a native of Geneva, Switzerland, came over during the civil war to help the colored people regain their freedom. Miss Barton found him wounded in a hospital in Washington, took him to her own home to be nursed, where he met and married her niece. In this family there are two daughters—Katherine Golay and Ruth Wilson. 2. Helen, born May 17, 1869, is an accomplished graduate of Hollidaysburg Seminary. She speaks German and French as well as English, and has traveled considerably in her own country and in Europe. 3. Harry Addison, born September 3, 1871, is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College. He is a civil engineer of some experience, and is, with his brother, extensively engaged in the coal

business. His office is at No. 616 Frick Building, Pittsburg. He married in Philadelphia, June 20, 1904, Agnes Sweeny. 4. Emily, born April 13, 1874, took the library course at the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia. She assisted in organizing the library of Alexandria, Pennsylvania. She organized the Carnegie Library at Oakmont; was elected librarian at McKeesport. She organized the library there and remained in it for one year.

JOHN L. ARMBRUST, of Armbrust, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, son of William and Margaret Gongaware Armbrust, was born at Old Stanton, Pennsylvania, one mile north of the present New Stanton, December 26, 1858.

His paternal grandfather, John Armbrust, was born in Germany, and came to the United States on board the second German ship that ever sailed from that Empire to this country, which took thirteen weeks to make the trip, landing in Philadelphia. He was a printer by trade and edited a German newspaper at Greensburg, known as the "Star of the West," it being the only German newspaper ever published in Westmoreland county; a copy of this paper is still in the hands of J. L. Armbrust. He afterward became editor of the "True Democrat," which was devoted to the interests of that party. He was a well educated man and taught German schools in the county for several years. He was a Lutheran by persuasion, and never neglected any duty which he thought belonged to him to perform. His wife was Cathrine Shatler, whom he married in Germany, to whom was born nine children: Cathrine and Regina, born in Germnay; Elizabeth, John, Jacob, Daniel, William, Michael and Mary Ann, all born in Westmoreland county. William Armbrust (father) was born in a log house which stood adjacent to the site of Ackerman's music store at Greensburg. All of the above family are now deceased, excepting Jacob, of south of Greensburg, and Michael, of Myersdale, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, all of which lived past three score years and ten.

William Armbrust (father) was born January 4, 1818, and learned the trade of cabinetmaking with a man by the name of Henry Miller in Greensburg. He followed his trade at Adamsburg and New Stanton, now Old Stanton, till 1860, when he removed to Weavers Old Stand, or I might say, Armbrust village, as Weaver's Old Stand proper is situated one-fourth of a mile southeast of Armbrust, along the clay pike, near by where the Greensburg and Mount Pleasant road crosses the pike. When he moved to the present Armbrust village he purchased an old log grist mill, which had port holes in that were used in fighting the Indians; there was also an old up and down saw mill adjacent, and these were both run by water power from the Big Sewickley creek. Several dams were built by his father, as the high water would sometimes take the dams away. He ran these mills night and day for many years, and he also bought a farm of one hundred and eighty acres adjacent. There he erected a new frame grist mill and purchased new portable saw mills, which he operated over the country. He sold part of the farm afterwards to H. F. Rumbaugh, now deceased. His trade in the mill and lumber business was quite extensive. He was appointed postmaster under the Republican administration in time of the late war. He was a Lutheran.

He married, April 7, 1842, Margaret Gongaware, daughter of Jonas and Christena (Neighly) Gongaware, of near Adamsburg, an old pioneer settler of Westmoreland county. To this union have been born four sons and four daughters: Lewis F., now of Greensburg; Jonas W., of Armbrust; Daniel W., died in infancy; Mary Jane, wife of C. E. Kelly, of East Pittsburg; Sarah



E., wife of Allen Wright, formerly of Armbrust, now of St. John, Kansas; Alice Christina, wife of Eli Peterson, of Armbrust; John L., of Armbrust, see forward; and Emma Lydia, wife of J. L. Miller, formerly of Armbrust, now of Radabaugh's Station.

John L. Armbrust received a common school education in the district (Ruffs) school, and was employed mostly in his father's grist and saw mill and in farming until about twenty-four years of age. He worked some at photographing, and was then employed by Israel Glunt, of Greensburg, in the piano and organ business for several years, but still residing at Armbrust, his home. As a matter of honor to the Armbrust's, the postoffice department changed the name of the postoffice from Weavers Old Stand, Pennsylvania, to Armbrust, Pennsylvania, by which name it is now known. The only building now standing which was there at the time when William Armbrust (father) first settled there is the old log building or Armbrust homestead, now owned by Mrs. Uriel Graves.

J. L. Armbrust enlisted in Company I, National Guard Pennsylvania, and served five years under the captaincy of J. M. Laird and J. B. Kenann, and attended the inauguration of President J. A. Garfield during that term. After working several years for Israel Glunt he embarked in business for himself, commencing January 1, 1894, and has since built up a good trade in the piano, organ and sewing machine business. He had built a small wareroom, which soon was too small for his increasing business, and he then built a large two story frame building in order to accommodate his trade. On December 19, 1882, he was married to Elizabeth Emma Graves, daughter of Uriel Graves, of New York state, who was a Lutheran minister and at the time of his death was preaching at North Folk, and to this union was added three children: Luther Uriel, at present employed at clerical work at Youngwood, Pennsylvania, for Pennsylvania railroad; William Heart, deceased; Edna Sarah, at home. In politics Mr. Armbrust has always been conscientious, voting for the man in preference to the party, and although leaning toward the Republican party has voted for men on the Democratic and Prohibition tickets, using his own judgment. He used his mind and judgment religiously, and in December, 1886, united with the church of Jesus Christ by the ordinance of baptism, administered by Elder Allen Wright, and has since been working and identified with that body; their faith entirely agrees with the Jewish scriptures, they being firm believers in a primitive restoration of the Gospel of Christ.

Elizabeth Emma (Graves) Armbrust's father, although a minister, had his heart set on the love of his country as well, and in the time of the rebellion was the means of getting more volunteers than any six speakers in the towns of Orleans and Four Corners, Jefferson county, New York, where he was then stationed. His enemies, in order to get him out of their way, caused him to be drafted, but the church would not suffer him to go, so they purchased for him a substitute, who never returned home. As an orator he was fine, few men being able to compete with him and none excelling him. He came to Greensburg in 1880 as a campaign speaker or lecturer for the Greenback party. Afterwards he moved his family to Greensburg and lived there just one year; in that year he edited the "National Issue," later called the "Evening Star," now called the "Evening Press," the first daily paper published in Greensburg. He made many friends everywhere he went, was a loving father, a true friend and charitable to a fault. His wife, Lucinda Strong, Graves, was a farmer's daughter; John Strong, her father, went from Burks county, Pennsylvania, with his parents by overland route to what was then

known as Canada West, now Canada, Ont., it taking them seven weeks to make the trip. They took with them their three children, one horse and two cows. John Strong died at the age of ninety-nine; his wife at ninety-eight.

**PETER H. SAXMAN.** Among the Saxmans of Westmoreland county, whose general family history appears elsewhere in this work, is one member named Peter H. Saxman, who is an important business factor in his line at Latrobe, where he has the esteem of the entire community. He was born October 8, 1849, on the Toner farm, adjoining the borough of Latrobe. He descends from a pioneer and American ancestor, Christian Saxman. The father was Joseph Saxman, born August 21, 1821. The place of his birth was about three-fourths of a mile below Latrobe, on the Loyalhanna. By occupation he was a farmer and coal dealer. Julia A. Bollinger, his wife, was born November 13, 1823, the daughter of Frederick Bollinger and wife. The Bollingers were from a noted Millwright family of York county, Pennsylvania. Joseph Saxman and Julia Bollinger were married March 26, 1844. He was a leading member in the Reformed church, and voted the Republican ticket from the first inception of that political party. He died January 15, 1862, in Latrobe.

Peter H. Saxman, son of Joseph and Julia (Bollinger) Saxman, obtained a good common school education, for the date of his schooling, but on account of the long distance which he had to go to attend the schools, as well as the inferior grade of such schools, his education was necessarily limited. His father died when he was thirteen years of age, and he could not attend school thereafter, but by hard study at home, whenever an opportunity presented itself, he got a fairly good education. While yet a youth he began the carpenter's trade, working under a veteran carpenter and builder, Benjamin P. Simpson. After mastering the trade he contracted and built some of the best houses in and about Latrobe, at the same time dealing quite extensively in building lumber, farm machinery, engines, wagons, buggies, etc. Through good business management he has built up a lucrative trade and now owns considerable valuable property in Latrobe, where he resides, and still operates in the implement business. He is also a stockholder in the Citizens National Bank of Latrobe. In politics Mr. Saxman is thoroughly a Republican. His first vote was cast for General U. S. Grant for president, and he has supported every Republican presidential nominee ever since. He has been an elder and deacon in the Latrobe Reformed church for many years. In fraternal matters he is counted among the worthy members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was married January 28, 1880, to L. May Helling, the ceremony taking place in the Reformed church at Latrobe. They had one son, Clarence M. Saxman, born December 14, 1880.

**TALLMAN FAMILY.** The first American ancestor of the Tallman family of Ligonier valley was John Tallman, who came from Wales shortly before the Revolutionary war. He served in the Revolution, and having taken up land near Shamokin, Pennsylvania, sold it and was paid for it in Continental money, which he lost because of its depression in value. From Shamokin he removed to Franklin county and purchased property near Mercersburg. While there he operated a flouring mill, selling the flour in Baltimore, his son Isaac taking charge of the transportation and sale of the flour. He was married to Dorothy Ely.

John Tallman and Dorothy (Ely) Tallman had a son named Isaac, as indicated above, who was born in Franklin county, January 20, 1785, and came to





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Westmoreland county in 1816, purchasing lands near Youngstown, Unity township. Isaac married Mary Mears, in 1822. She was born in Westmoreland county, in 1800. Isaac built a log house on this land in 1820 and moved into it when he was married (1822). There they lived the remainder of their days, Isaac being engaged in farming. He died November 22, 1851. His wife, Mary Mears, was the daughter of a revolutionary soldier, who was in the battle of Bunker Hill and afterward served through the war. She died May 16, 1861. Both are buried in Unity churchyard.

John Tallman, of Ligonier valley, was a son of Isaac Tallman, and was born on the Tallman farm near Youngstown, August 12, 1827. Succeeding to the lands of his father, he has spent his life mainly as a farmer. He married, June 7, 1854, Ruth Cornahan Boyd, born March 25, 1834. She was the fifth child of William and Jane M. Cornahan Boyd. William Boyd was born in 1794, and was a son of Robert and Elizabeth Floyd Boyd. William Boyd died in 1847, and was buried in Unity churchyard. His wife was born March 5, 1803, and died in Ligonier valley, October 28, 1902, in her one-hundredth year, and was buried beside her husband. She was a daughter of John Cornahan and Elizabeth Elliott. The Cornahans, Boyds and Elliotts all belong to old and well known families in Westmoreland county, who have figured prominently in our history. Captain James Cornahan has been referred to many times in the Revolutionary period of our history. (See Vol. I of this work.) His son, Dr. James Cornahan, was president of Princeton College from 1831 to 1853, and was one of the leading educators of his day.

In 1863 John Tallman sold his farm in Unity township and removed with his family to a larger one, which he purchased in the southwest part of Fairfield township, where his family were brought up and where he has since resided. The family consists of seven children, all of whom are yet living. The older ones were born in Unity township in the log house in which their father was born, built as we have said, by Isaac Tallman in 1820. The children of John and Ruth C. Tallman are the following: 1. Alice, wife of John Calvin Smith, lives in Fairfield township. 2. Elliott I., was educated in Ligonier Academy, and became a teacher and engaged in other business in Westmoreland county until 1887, when he removed to the "Grand Prairie" of Arkansas, and located in the town of Stuttgart, which was just then founded, but which has since grown to a thriving city. He is engaged as a planter and real estate dealer, and in a business way he has kept pace with the rapid growth of the new country and town in which he located. In 1895 he was married to Miss Carrie May Moody, of Memphis, Tennessee, and they have three children. 3. Boyd J., to whom we will refer hereafter. 4. Mary, wife of Alexander Currie, lives in West Franklinville, New York. 5. Joseph George, lives in British Columbia. 6. Frank Edwin, lives in California. 7. William S., lives in Ballard, Washington.

Boyd J. Tallman, now judge of the superior court of the state of Washington, residing in Seattle, was born on the farm near Youngstown, October 4, 1858. His boyhood days differed but little from those of other farmer's sons, working on the farm in the summer and attending the common schools during the then but four months' term in the winter. He very early became a teacher, and afterward attended the academy in Ligonier and the Independent Academy near Fort Palmer, a term or two at each place. He continued going to school, and engaging in teaching and in other minor employments until 1883, when he entered the famous Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pennsylvania. There he remained two years, but was not graduated, though by the time spent there and by private study he had nearly

completed the course. In 1884 he began reading the rudiments of the law, and May 15, 1885, left his home for Walla Walla, Washington Territory, where he entered the law office of Allen, Thompson & Crowley, as a student. He was admitted to the bar in 1886. In February, 1887, he removed to Seattle, for he regarded it as a more promising location for a lawyer. In this his judgment proved correct, for it has so rapidly increased in population that, although in 1887 it was in its infancy, it has now a population of about one hundred and fifty thousand and bids fair to rival all cities in the far west. His entire time since then has been given to his profession. In 1889, without being consulted, he was nominated by the county convention of King county as a candidate for the office of representative in the state legislature. This office he declined for professional reasons, although the nomination was equivalent to an election. In the fall of 1900 he was nominated by the Republican party of King county in the convention at Seattle for judge of the superior court of the state of Washington, and on November 6, 1900, was elected by a majority of six hundred and eighty votes. In 1904 he was renominated for the same position, and was elected by a majority of eleven thousand five hundred and sixty-three votes, receiving the highest number of votes cast for any candidate on the ticket. No stronger nor more eloquent testimony as to his character as a citizen and his standing as a judge can be given than is shown by the increased majority by which those who know him best re-elected him to the bench.

For the greater part of the time that he has been on the bench, he has had charge of the equity courts, a branch of jurisprudence which every well trained lawyer knows requires for its successful administration not only an acute legal mind, but a comprehensive knowledge of the law as well. During this time he has tried cases, some of which involved millions of dollars. The *Seattle Times*, a Democratic paper, speaking of this branch of Judge Tallman's work, under date of February 25, 1906, says: "Boyd J. Tallman's five years on the bench have brought him high rank among the lawyers of the county. The quality of service he rendered at a time when the bench consisted of but five men, all carrying a burden too heavy for them, was wonderful. In the equity department of the court he deservingly obtained the commendation of both lawyers and litigants. His decisions have rarely been reversed in appellate courts." The *Times* speaks further as though still greater honors were in store for Judge Tallman in his adopted state.

He is a member of the Unitarian church, and a trustee in the First Church at Seattle. In July, 1904, he visited his parents and former home in Ligonier valley, after an absence of over nineteen years. He was everywhere welcomed as one of Westmoreland county's most talented sons, and as one who had reflected honor on his native county by achieving distinction in his new home on the far distant Pacific coast.

**WILLIAM S. AMENT.** The paternal great-grandfather of William S. Ament, of Apollo, was a native of Holland, who emigrated to the United States, making his home in Franklin township, where George Ament, one of his sons, was born.

George Ament was the owner of a farm near Export, on which he erected a grist-mill and worked at the blacksmith's trade. He held the rank of major in the state militia. His wife was Elizabeth Walton, and they were the parents of six children who grew to maturity.

George Ament, son of George and Elizabeth (Walton) Ament, was for fifty years a resident of North Washington, where for forty-five years he







*John F. Larshey*

followed the calling of a blacksmith. He married Hannah Hartman, and of the sixteen children born to them ten reached maturity: Katharine, wife of G. W. Hilborn, of North Washington; John, of Apollo; Elizabeth, wife of J. D. Laufler, of Apollo; Jacob, deceased; Belle, wife of S. F. Hildebrand, of Armstrong county; Jane, wife of George McLaughlin, of Allegheny township; Martha, wife of Samuel Neal, of Marietta, Ohio; William S., mentioned hereinafter; Elmer E., of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; and Sadie, wife of W. W. Hill, of Paulton. The mother of this family died in 1893, and the death of the father occurred in the year following.

William S. Ament, son of George and Hannah (Hartman) Ament, was born October 2, 1858, and has always lived at his native place. He attended the common schools and early in life learned the blacksmith's trade, working with his father, whom he succeeded in the business. He belongs to Apollo Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of the Reformed church. Mr. Ament married, May 27, 1880, Alfaretta, daughter of W. L. and Mary (Culp) McQuaide, of Allegheny county, and their children are: George E., Edward F., of Vandergrift, married and has one child, St. Elmo James; Hannah M., wife of Lawrence Moore, of Zanesville, Ohio, and mother of one child, William Franklin; Sarah M., Charles H., Elmer E., Joie A., Jesse B., Florence E., and Robert Malcolm.

JOHN FRANKLIN HARSHEY, postmaster of Penn Station, and one of the representative citizens of that section of the county, was born in Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1854, a son of Henry W. and Leah (Hartzell) Harshey, natives of Hannastown, Pennsylvania. Their family consists of four children as follows: Sarah Ann, born October 24, 1851; Amanda Jane, born October 19, 1853; John Franklin, born December 6, 1854; and George Henry, born September 21, 1858. Henry W. Harshey (father), a son of Joseph and Veronica (Weber) Harshey, was a farmer by occupation, a member of the Reformed church, and a Republican in politics. Leah (Hartzell) Harshey (mother) is a daughter of George and Susanna (Laufler) Hartzell, natives of Unity township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

John Franklin Harshey was educated in the vicinity of his home, and later changed his place of abode to Penn Station, Pennsylvania, where he now resides. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster of Penn Station by the late President William McKinley, and has served in that capacity up to the present time (1906), giving the utmost satisfaction to all concerned, and in all respects he is a popular and obliging public official. He is a member of the Reformed church, and in politics casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party. Mr. Harshey married, December 26, 1876, Lucinda Altman, a daughter of Jacob and Leah (Cribbs) Altman, who were born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and married in the year 1847. Jacob Altman was a mechanic during the early years of his life, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, residing on a farm. For seventeen years he served as secretary, school director and tax collector of his township. Jacob Altman died August, 1896, aged seventy-five years, and his wife Leah died November, 1896, aged seventy-four years. They were the parents of eight children: John Christopher, born March 27, 1848; Elizabeth, November 3, 1849; Sarah Jane, July 8, 1851; Cyrus F., March 12, 1853; Lucinda, September 14, 1854; wife of John F. Harshey; Mary, March 6, 1856; Agnes I., November 13, 1859; and Alice, February 16, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Harshey are also the parents of eight children, as follows: Jacob

Franklin, born September 29, 1877, married Laura Long, and they have two children: Oliver M. and John C.; they reside at Luxor, where he is manager of company store for Jamison Supply Company, also postmaster. Mary Leah, March 17, 1879, married James C. Fritchman, and they have one child, James Curtis Harshey; they reside at East McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Oscar Charles, April 27, 1882; Logan Wilbur, February 21, 1884; Elsie E., July 19, 1886, is employed in teaching Penn borough school and is a graduate of California State Normal, Pennsylvania. Edna Luella, October 8, 1889, assistant postmaster at Penn Station. Hazel Naomi, June 28, 1893. Lloyd C. March 19, 1898.

**ROBERT JAMES STEVENSON.** Although during his lifetime a citizen of Philadelphia, Westmoreland county claims an interest in Robert James Stevenson by reason of his connection with some of her best-known families. Mr. Stevenson was a son of William and Nancy (Sterrett) Stevenson, both of whom, in youth, came to America from the north of Ireland. Mr. Stevenson was for many years a jeweler in Pittsburg, and in 1868 retired and moved to Philadelphia.

Robert James Stevenson, son of William and Nancy (Sterrett) Stevenson, was born November 26, 1850, and in 1875 graduated from Princeton University. He subsequently entered the retail grocery business in Philadelphia, the firm name being Stevenson Brothers. He married, October 16, 1879, Martha Jane Shaw, who shortly became his widow, the death of Mr. Stevenson occurring November 30, 1879, when he had just passed his twenty-ninth birthday. Mrs. Stevenson is a great-granddaughter of Samuel and Sarah (Lowry) Shaw, who, with five sons, came to America from the north of Ireland. One of their sons, William Shaw, married Mary Wallace, a descendant of Sir William Wallace, the hero of Scottish history. William Shaw, son of William and Mary (Wallace) Shaw, was born September 29, 1803, and on June 7, 1848, married Jane Ekin, born January 8, 1822, daughter of John and Margaret (Shaw) Stewart. To Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were born two daughters: Mary M., born August 7, 1852; and Martha Jane, born June 15, 1855, became the wife of Robert James Stevenson, as mentioned above. Mrs. Stevenson and Miss Shaw are residents of Stewart Station.

**F. E. WEISTER.** The paternal great-grandfather of E. E. Weister, of Avonmore, was a native of Germany, who emigrated to the United States and lived for a time in Philadelphia. Later he moved with his family to Westmoreland county, where he made his home during the remainder of his life with a son who was the grandfather of Mr. Weister. This son also passed the residue of his days in Westmoreland county, where he and his father are both buried in Coke Run cemetery.

Joseph Weister, son and grandson of these pioneers, married Rebecca Stichenger, whose parents emigrated from Germany and settled in Forest county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Weister were the parents of the following children: E. E., mentioned hereinafter; Belle, deceased; Minnie, wife of Samuel McCauley, of Salina; Hetty, a resident of New York; Maggie, wife of Frank Hartman, of Salina; and Charles, of Oklahoma. Mrs. Weister died in 1898, and the death of her husband occurred August, 1905.

E. E. Weister, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Stichenger) Weister, was born November 10, 1863, in Forest county, and when an infant was taken by his parents to Westmoreland county, where he was educated in the common schools of Washington and Bell townships. For twenty years he has

been engaged in business as a contractor in brick and stone work. His transactions are extensive, not only in his own but also in adjacent counties, and he employs on an average twenty-five men. He belongs to Lodge No. 250, Knights of Pythias, of Leechburg, and in politics stands for prohibition. He is a member of the Lutheran church, in which he is an active worker, having filled the various official positions of the church and being now superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Weister married in 1890, Martha J., daughter of John Bush, of Salina.

JACOB E. MYERS, a lumber merchant and contractor of Penn Station, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born November 11, 1868, a son of Solomon E. and Hettie (Schrum) Myers, of Penn and Hempfield townships, respectively, and grandson of Jacob Myers, who married Elizabeth Haman, and had the following children: John, deceased; Jacob, Joseph, David, George, Solomon E., Mary A., Israel, and Samuel, deceased.

Solomon E., son of Jacob and father of Jacob E. Myers, was born September 18, 1838, in Penn township. He married Hettie Schrum, and their children were: Amos, born 1861, married Maggie Altman; David W., deceased; Morris U., married Charlotte Fisher; Maria J., married Aaron Mowery; Jacob E., mentioned hereinafter; a boy who died in infancy; Zachary T., married Catherine Kemerer; Edward A., married Lylia Grove; Solomon D., D. D., married Sophia Mahler; John, married Annie Moore; and Charles. Jacob E. Myers' maternal grandparents were Henry and Maria (Altman) Schrum, who had children: Hettie, Jackson, Richard, Mary, Aggie, Amos.

Jacob E. Myers, fifth child and fourth son of Solomon and Hettie (Schrum) Myers, has been engaged in the lumber and contracting business in Penn township for about ten years, and in that period has built up an extensive and lucrative business. He is interested in various commercial enterprises, and is one of the highly esteemed residents of the township. In politics he affiliated with the Democratic party, and has served as member of the common council. In matters of religion he accords with the doctrines of the Lutheran church. Jacob E. Myers married Ernestine E. Schroll, the daughter of John and Ernestine (Thomas) Schroll, granddaughter of Michael and Katherine (Martin) Schroll, and great-granddaughter of Peter Schroll. She is one of five children, among whom were: Emma, born 1865; John, 1867; Ernestine, 1871; Joseph, 1873. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Myers are: Joseph E., born 1899; Margaret R., born 1901; and Paul, born 1903.

R. DENNIS WINFIELD BRUNER, one of the most energetic and progressive men in the real estate and insurance business in this section of the country, is a popular citizen of Ligonier, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and is a member of a family which has been represented in Pennsylvania for many years.

Moses Bruner, grandfather of R. Dennis Winfield Bruner, was born August 27, 1825, died June 17, 1901. He was a farmer of Cook township, and a member of the Presbyterian church. His political affiliations were Democratic. He married (first) Mary Ann Campbell, born July 6, 1828, and they had eight children: James, of whom later; John, born September 7, 1850; Henry, May 5, 1854, died 1905; Matilda, July 4, 1856, died November 6, 1876; Lemon, April 18, 1858; George, March 30, 1860; Amos, September 24, 1862, died November 3, 1876; William, June 21, 1865.

James Bruner, eldest child of Moses and Mary Ann (Campbell) Bruner, was born June 20, 1848. He was educated in the common schools of Cook township, and followed farming as an occupation all his life. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and a strong Democrat. He married (first), July 27, 1874, Cinderella Grove, born April 16, 1851, died November 7, 1876, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Grove, and they had one child: R. Dennis Winfield, of whom later. Benjamin Grove was born March 7, 1824, died December 19, 1903; his wife, Mary Grove, born September 23, 1821, still living. He married (second) April 1, 1880, Malinda Hood, and they had children: Mollie E., who married ——— Ross; Loren, Sarah, and three who died in infancy.

R. Dennis Winfield Bruner, only child of James and Cinderella (Grove) Bruner, was born near Herold, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1875. His early years were spent on the farm of his father, and he attended the public schools of that district until the age of fifteen years; he then came to Ligonier and attended a school there for one year. At the age of sixteen years he started in business life, first as a book canvasser, trying to get orders on the "Life of Rev. Spurgeon, of London." He met with excellent success. During the next four years he tried selling various lines of goods, finally taking up the sale of pianos, and making a very profitable undertaking of it. He then associated himself with the Grant Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of soda fountains, and was a salesman for them until 1902. He was one of the promoters of the Old Colony Coal and Coke Company, of which he was the secretary for two years, and is still a stockholder. He is the vice-president of the Colonial Land Company of Pillsbury, and one of the incorporators of the projected Westmoreland railroad. He has been for some time engaged in the real estate and insurance business, with commodious offices on Main street, Ligonier. He is a systematic, keen-sighted man of business, following closely the trend of events, and although deliberate is quick to see any opportunity for advancement and improvement. He has many friends in financial as well as social circles. He has never held public office, but is a staunch adherent of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married, June 5, 1900, Sophie E. Koehl, born December 22, 1875. She was educated in the public and high schools of Homewood.

Eugene Koehl, father of Mrs. Bruner, was born May 31, 1848, at Mar-Montier, in Alsace, then a province of France, now belonging to Germany, where his father was a brewer and large dealer in fine wines, owning his own vineyards. He joined the French army, 1864, going to Africa, where he served five years as cavalry sergeant in and along the Great Sahara Desert. Coming back to France he served in the Franco-Prussian war. At the close of war in 1871 he came to America, first stopping at Cincinnati, Ohio, for two years, and finally locating at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he married Elizabeth Gardner, of Murrys ville, Pennsylvania, in June, 1874. The children were two daughters: Sophia E. (Mrs. Bruner), and Minnie E. Koehl, born April 2, 1877. Elizabeth Gardner, wife of Eugene Koehl, was born near Murrys ville, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1848, died November 28, 1895.

THE WENTLING-JACK FAMILY. The Wentling family of Greensburg is descended from Daniel Wentling, who came from one of the Pennsylvania German counties, east of the mountains, most likely from Lebanon county, and settled in Westmoreland county shortly after the revolutionary war. He lived and died in Hempfield township. The tradition is that he

had served in the revolutionary war. He had a son named Dewalt Wentling, who married (first) Eliza Walthour, and had children named Samuel, Adam, Polly, Eliza, David. Eliza Walthour, his first wife, died. He was afterwards married to Eliza Fritchman, who was a daughter of John and Barbara Walthour Fritchman. Dewalt Wentling lived in North Huntingdon township, and was a farmer during the greater part of his life. The house in which they lived is yet standing near Biddle Station, and is now the Wenrick home. By his second marriage the children born were: Joseph B., now of Santa Barbara, California; John F., a member of the Westmoreland bar; Sarah J., Lydia, late Mrs. Charles Fritchman, of Irwin, Pennsylvania.

John F. Wentling was educated in the Sewickley Academy and at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, and was at an early age teacher in the public schools of Westmoreland. In 1866 he came to Greensburg and began to read law with James A. Logan, who afterwards went on the bench. In May, 1868, Mr. Wentling was admitted to the bar and has been practicing in all branches of the legal profession with much success ever since. In 1872 he was united in marriage to Nancy Wilson Jack, a daughter of William Jack, who was a well-to-do Westmoreland farmer and business man, and who later in life removed to Brookville, Pennsylvania, and from there was elected to congress in 1840. The children of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wentling are: John F., Jr., of the Westmoreland bar; Hydie, married J. Covode Reed, of Greensburg; Joseph D., of the Keystone Coal and Coke Company; Mercedes Golden.

William Jack was a son of General William Jack, whose life and character are given in the history of the bench in the first volume of this series, he having been a judge of our courts as early as 1784. He also is spoken of in the same volume because of his heroic efforts on the afternoon of the burning of Hannastown, and figures largely in the selection of Greensburg as a county seat and otherwise in our early history. His son, William Jack, the father of Mrs. Nancy Wilson Jack Wentling, was married to Harriet Eason, and by her had the following children: William, deceased; Matthew, deceased; Elizabeth, now Mrs. James M. Latta, of Goshen, Indiana; Emma, now Mrs. Frank W. Smith, of Washington, D. C.; Harriette, married Dr. Frank Cowan, deceased; Nancy Wilson, married John F. Wentling, as noted above. She was born in 1852 and died July 18, 1902. Mrs. Wentling was a woman of strong character and great energy, and was abundantly able to take a leadership in any field she cared to enter. She gave much attention to local revolutionary matters, and her investigations in this direction have been fraught with great interest and profit to the students of early Westmoreland history. She gave the best efforts of her life to her church, the Episcopal, and the finely appointed edifice in Greensburg was built very largely through her untiring energy and enthusiasm. She died at a time when her life's usefulness had not yet reached its highest point and when her friends were looking forward with bright hopes to many years of companionship with her.

JOHN L. ARMITAGE, of New Kensington, comes of English ancestry. His father, Robert F. H. Armitage, was born in 1850, in Canada, where he passed his entire life, his occupation being that of a construction contractor and builder. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. He married Ellen Lewis, of Niagara, and their children were: William H., of New Kensington; Ellen, wife of George Bedford, of Canada; John L., see forward; Harriet M., wife of W. F. Crawford, of Rutter, Pennsylvania; George C., of New Kensington; Mabel; and Ethel May, died in childhood.

John L. Armitage, son of Robert F. H. and Ellen (Lewis) Armitage, was

born November 20, 1873, in Toronto, Canada, where he was educated in the public schools. At the age of fifteen he learned the plumbing and heating trade, at which he worked for three years and a half. He then came to the United States and followed his trade, first at Buffalo and then at Pittsburg, until 1893. In that year he moved to New Kensington, where he engaged in business with his brother William H., under the firm name of Armitage & Brother. This connection has been maintained to the present time, the business being the largest of its kind in the town. In 1904 he was elected school director. He affiliates with Lodge No. 81, Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 451, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and Lodge No. 804, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed chairs. He is a staunch Republican and a member of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church. He married Malissa M., daughter of Leonard and Leah Gorman, of Armstrong county, and they are the parents of three children: Mabel Gorman, born July 4, 1899; John L., born April 3, 1901; and Leah Ellen, born February, 1903.

JOHN A. BOALE, M. D. The grandfather of Dr. John A. Boale, of Vandergrift Heights, was Samuel Boale, a native of the north of Ireland, whence he emigrated to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania. His wife, Sarah Taylor, was born and bred near McKeesport.

James D. Boale, son of Samuel and Sarah (Taylor) Boale, was born January 14, 1834, in Allegheny township, where he was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools. Soon after his marriage he moved to Leechburg, Armstrong county, where he resided until his death, February 7, 1906. For a number of years he was engaged in various business enterprises, including the drug industry, and for the last fifteen years has been humane officer of his district. He has served one term as burgess of Leechburg, and affiliates with the Republican party. He is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Mr. Boale married Sarah, born May 2, 1838, daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Armstrong) Armstrong, both natives of the north of Ireland, emigrating to this country about the same time as Samuel Boale. Mr. and Mrs. Boale had children: Elizabeth, widow of Captain R. G. Armstrong, and teacher in the Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburg; Anna M., for many years a primary teacher in Leechburg and Vandergrift Heights, died January 3, 1905; John A., mentioned hereinafter; and Hugh A., an attorney in Apollo. The mother of the family died September 24, 1890.

John A. Boale, son of James D. and Sarah (Armstrong) Boale, was born December 18, 1873, in Leechburg, where he was educated in the high school, graduating in 1893. In the spring of 1894 he began to read medicine with his uncle, Dr. J. A. Armstrong, a well known physician of Leechburg. The following autumn he entered the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, graduating therefrom in the spring of 1897, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After practicing for one year with his preceptor, Dr. Armstrong, in Leechburg, he moved in March, 1898, to Vandergrift Heights, and there entered upon his independent professional career, in which he has been very successful. For two terms he served as secretary to the board of health. He is now serving his third term as school director and for two terms acted as chairman of the Republican county committee. He affiliates with Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, F. & A. M., of Vandergrift, Apollo Lodge, No. 386, B. P. O., and Vandergrift Lodge, No. 502, K. P. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Boale is unmarried. He belongs to Orient Chapter, No. 247, of Kittanning, and Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, K. T., and is a member of the Westmoreland County Medical Society.





*J. A. Soale M.H.*



ROBERT EKin STEWART, of North Braddock, was born April 2, 1841, at Stewart Station, North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and traces his ancestry to a Scotch lineage.

John Stewart, great-grandfather of Robert E. Stewart, was a native of Scotland, and the old family register shows that he was born on the 27th day of April, but the figures for the year have been obliterated. It is believed, however, to have been in the third decade of the eighteenth century, and about the middle of that century the family crossed to the north of Ireland. A few years later the younger branch of the family, of which this John Stewart and his wife Elinor were the united head, emigrated from Londerderry to the province of Pennsylvania. About the close of the war of the revolution this family crossed the mountains and settled in what is now Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, having purchased there a large tract of land at Round Hill, on which he erected the first shingle-roofed house in that township. He assisted in the organization of the Presbyterian church of Round Hill, and was an active and devoted member thereof. He was described by one that knew him as being "a well-to-do farmer, a square-built, good-looking man." He and his wife Elinor were the parents of eight children—four sons and four daughters.

John Stewart, second son of John and Elinor Stewart, and grandfather of Robert E. Stewart, was born December 26, 1766. He was a man of good physique, generous-hearted, a captain of militia, and followed the occupation of his father, farming. He married Jane Cavett, whose father, John Cavett, a miller, was the first settler at the place now known as Cavettsville, but originally Cavett's Mill, and was of the third generation of Cavetts born in this country. John Cavett removed from Dauphin county to western Pennsylvania in 1770 and purchased from Ephraim Blaine, in 1771, a large tract of lands embracing what was later known as the Cavetts' Mill tract and the Stewart Station property, of which John Yearl was the original warrantee. John Cavett divided this land between his sons, John and James, the latter taking the Stewart Station tract which he afterwards exchanged with his brother-in-law, John Stewart, for a mill site, part of the Stewart homestead in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county. John Stewart (2) died seized of this land, intestate, leaving two sons—John and Alexander—and five daughters. John purchased from his brother and sisters their interests in said land, and upon his marriage removed thereto and lived thereon until his death.

John Stewart, son of John and Jane (Cavett) Stewart, was born September 15, 1796, at the Stewart homestead, at Round Hill, Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was a prosperous farmer and added to the tract from his father's estate, as above stated, a tract adjoining the same purchased from his cousin, James Cavett, one of the heirs of the younger John Cavett, above named, making the total area of his homestead property about three hundred and seventy acres, a considerable part of which lay in Allegheny county, the mansion house, however, being in Westmoreland county. He had, besides, acquired valuable farms in other places. He was a Whig until the dissolution of that party, when he became a Republican. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church. January 16, 1821, Mr. Stewart married Margaret Shaw, a daughter of David and Jane (Ekin) Shaw. David was the son of Samuel Shaw, who, with their young family of five sons and one daughter, emigrated from county Down, Ireland, and settled in the Juniata valley, Pennsylvania, about the year 1768. After the death of his father David Shaw located in Versailles township, Allegheny county, and in December, 1788, married Jane Ekin, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Jamison)

Ekin, who had removed to Versailles township from York county, Pennsylvania.

Robert Ekin Stewart is the youngest of nine children—seven sons and two daughters—two of whom, a son and a daughter, died in infancy, born to John and Margaret (Shaw) Stewart. He was a farmer's boy, but after completing the public school course at the age of thirteen his time was largely spent at the academy and college until 1860, when he was graduated from Jefferson (now Washington and Jefferson) College. The following two years were spent in post-graduate studies. He then took up the study of law under the Hon. James P. Sterrett, afterwards chief justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, and completed the course in the law office of Hon. John P. Penney and the Hon. William G. Hawkins, Jr., being admitted to the bar of Allegheny county in May, 1867, and has since been in active practice at Pittsburgh, serving six years as a member of the board of examiners for admission to the bar.

Mr. Stewart is a Republican in politics, and exercises a potent influence in behalf of the party whose principles he advocates. He served as school director for thirteen years, and was president of the Allegheny county school directors for about seven years. In September, 1903, without solicitation on his part, the nomination for district attorney of Allegheny county on the Republican ticket was tendered him, and he was elected to the same in the following November, being the incumbent of the office at the present time (1905). From 1882 to 1897, a period of fifteen years, he was the president of the Braddock National Bank. From August 6, 1862, to May 13, 1863, he served as first lieutenant of Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. From March 27, 1865, to October 1, 1865, he was major of the Twenty-fourth Regiment, United States Colored Troops. He participated with his regiment in the Antietam campaign in September, 1862, and was on the division staff at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. After the surrender of General Lee's army in April, 1865, he was commander of the sub-district of the Roanoke, with headquarters at Burkeville, Virginia. For many years he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Western Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf and Dumb, and of the Carnegie Free Library at Braddock. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church. He has been a trustee of the general assembly of the United Presbyterian church of North America since 1875, and a trustee and member of the board of directors of the Allegheny Theological Seminary of said church for about the same period of time. He was a member of the Pan-Presbyterian Council of 1884, at Belfast, Ireland. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Mr. Stewart married, July 2, 1868, Caroline M. McMasters, daughter of John and Leonora (Markle) McMasters, and her education was acquired at the Pittsburgh public schools and at the Pittsburgh Female College. Six children were the issue of this marriage, as follows: Margaret, born April 7, 1869, educated at the Pennsylvania College for Women in Pittsburgh; married, June 11, 1891, Alva C. Dinkey, president of the Carnegie Steel Company; residence, Ellsworth and Amberson avenues, Pittsburgh. John McMasters, M. D., born June 9, 1871, educated Westminster College, graduated from the medical department of Western University, Pittsburgh; is now (1905) in practice at Homestead, Pennsylvania. Harry McMasters, born November 23, 1873, a graduate of the State College in class of 1896; is now assistant superintendent of furnaces at the Dequesne Steel Works, Duquesne, Penn-





*Hugh Price*

sylvania. He married Camille Hawthorne, June 28, 1900, and resides at Duquesne. Robert E., Jr., born January 23, 1876, died October 23, 1890. Leonora Markle, born May 5, 1878, educated at Pennsylvania College for Women and Wilson College, married, October 5, 1905, Edward R. Williams, of Homestead. James Sterrett, born October 13, 1880, a graduate of North Braddock high school, spent one year at Westminster College, and one year in the medical department of Western University. Caroline, born January 11, 1883, a graduate of North Braddock high school, and now a student of Westminster College. In 1869, the year following his marriage, Mr. Stewart removed from his boyhood home at Stewart Station to Turtle Creek, Allegheny county, and later purchased property in North Braddock, whither he removed in October, 1875, his residence being now located at No. 31 North avenue. His law office is at No. 424 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

HUGH PRICE, a descendant of an honorable English family and one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of North Belle Vernon, is a native of Herefordshire, England, born July 14, 1859, a son of Walter and Mary (Powell) Price.

Walter Price (father) was for many years a farmer in Herefordshire, England, and also engaged in the raising of live stock, making a specialty of fine breeds of stock. In February, 1873, he emigrated to the United States and located on a rented farm in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, where he remained three years, after which he removed to Fayette county and purchased a farm at what is now Arnold City, the town being built on this farm. In 1898 he disposed of his property in Fayette county and purchased a farm near Belle Vernon, Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, where he engaged in market gardening until his death, which occurred December 5, 1905. Mr. Price married (first) Mary Powell, a native of England, who bore him five children: Edward W., Thomas, Alma R., William C., a machinist of Pittsburg; and Hugh, of whom later. He married (second) Louisa J. Farrow, of London, England, who bore him six children: Frederick I., Charles, George T., Garfield, Nellie, deceased, and Robert.

Hugh Price was educated at the Browning Western College at Bath, England. In early life he came to the United States and at the age of nineteen engaged in the live stock business in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in which section he located upon his arrival in this country, and followed the same successfully for more than twenty years. In 1890, in addition to the stock business, he engaged in the contracting business, making a specialty of drilling wells for oil and gas, and during his twelve years connection with this line of work enjoyed an extensive and lucrative trade. In the fall of 1902 he was nominated and elected on the Republican ticket to the office of county commissioner and served a term of three years, discharging his duties with promptness and ability. He received the largest majority ever given to a candidate for that office in Westmoreland county up to that time, this fact amply testifying to his popularity and sterling character. In 1898 he was a delegate to the Republican state convention, and for nine years has served as a member of the North Belle Vernon council. He organized the Bell Vernon fire company and was elected the first chief of the same. He is acting in the capacity of vice-president of the Antler Coal & Coke Company located in McDowell county, West Virginia. From boyhood he has been a member of the Episcopal church. He also holds membership in the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 656, of Belle Vernon; B. P. O. E., Lodge No. 511, of Greensburg; F. and A. M., Blue Lodge, No. 615, of Charleroi; Bowensville Chapter, No 164; Olivet

Council, No. 13, Greensburg; McKean Commandery, No. 80, K. T., Charleroi; and Scottish Rite Valley, of Pittsburg. The town of Pricedale, near Belle Vernon, was named in honor of Mr. Price.

Mr. Price married, November, 1883, Mary Marble Wilkinson, daughter of Samuel and Lucinda Wilkinson, of Rostraver township, who bore him two children: Lura L., wife of W. H. Lange, a druggist of Belle Vernon, and they have two children: Mary Alma and Hugh Henry Lange; and Thomas Edward, died in infancy.

GEORGE WESLEY HARKNESS, an enterprising business man of Westmoreland county, was born at Kittanning, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1852.

William Harkness (grandfather), a son of John Harkness, who emigrated to this country from the north of Ireland, came to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, at an early date, and settled on the Harkness, now known as the Ward farm. He followed farming as an occupation throughout the active years of his career. His wife, Jane (Stephenson) Harkness, of North Huntingdon township, bore him the following children: James, married Elizabeth Stauffer; he resides in Clark county, Missouri. William, married Martha Higbee; he died in Missouri. Margaret, became the wife of Frank Bradfield. Lavinia, became the wife of Edward Brodhead; they reside at Kittanning. John F., married Eliza Glendenning. Robert S., mentioned hereinafter. Ann, became the wife of Cunningham Borland; she is now deceased, and Mr. Borland resides in Missouri. Mary, died unmarried. Katherine D., widow of S. L. Brown; she now resides at Ardara, Pennsylvania. William Harkness, father of these children, died December 23, 1863, and his wife passed away February 11, 1860.

Robert Stephenson Harkness (father) was born on the old Harkness farm, near Ardara, Westmoreland county, February 28, 1830. After his marriage he settled in Allegheny City, when it was no more than a collection of cabins, and in the fifties went to Kittanning, Armstrong county, remaining there three or four years, when he returned to Westmoreland county, and located near the old homestead. He was a plasterer by trade, and his handiwork is shown all through the country surrounding his home. When the civil war broke out he enlisted in the Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, being mustered in at Pittsburg. They were chiefly stationed at the forts guarding Washington, D. C. Upon his discharge Mr. Harkness returned home and resumed his trade, which he continued until his death, April 8, 1888. His wife, Mary Margaret (Cupps) Harkness, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Remaley) Cupps, born October 8, 1827, died September 2, 1900. Their children were: George Wesley, mentioned hereinafter. William, born November 12, 1854, died May 20, 1868. Elizabeth, born July 11, 1860, became the wife of George Beals, and they reside in Knoxville, Pennsylvania. Emma, twin of Elizabeth, unmarried, resides at Knoxville, Pennsylvania. Mary Margaret, born June 15, 1867, became the wife of Charles Smith, and after his death of Joseph Foley; they reside in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

George Wesley Harkness received his education in the common schools of Westmoreland county, whither his father's family had returned, coming up the Allegheny river in boats, there being no railway or other means of transportation save by the pike. The return to this county was made when George W. was a little over three years old. From an early age he worked with his father at the trade of plasterer, which he still follows, covering territory for many miles around his home at Ardara Station, and employing many



men. He is a member and trustee of the Ardara Methodist church, and a member of Shidle Lodge, No. 601, Free and Accepted Masons, at Irwin. He is a Republican in politics, and, while not caring to accept public office, has frequently served on election boards. He is one of the representative men of the community, and enjoys the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends. Mr. Harkness married, April 9, 1874, Maria M. Strickler, born October 22, 1854, the ceremony being performed in the old Laird Hotel, since destroyed by fire, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. She is a daughter of John F. and Charlotte Anne (Williams) Strickler, of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, whose births occurred November 24, 1824, and March 15, 1835, respectively. John F. Strickler died January 18, 1860. The children of George W. and Maria M. Harkness are: William Strickler, born April 27, 1875, married Ida R. Schwartz, March 25, 1897. At present employed in Pennsylvania railroad shops at Pitcairn, and residing at same place. Eva May, born November 7, 1876, married John F. Hammers, of Indiana, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1902, and resides in Pittsburg. Maud Alice, born April 20, 1880, married George A. Thompson, of Swissvale, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1903, and resides in Swissvale.

J. L. KUNKLE, the genial and popular proprietor of the Kunkle Hotel, Greensburg, was born in North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1849, a son of John L. and Sarah (Baughman) Kunkle, natives of North Huntingdon township, members of the Lutheran church, and whose deaths occurred in 1874 and 1898, respectively. John L., Kunkle (father) followed the quiet but useful calling of agriculture throughout the active years of his life, and was honored and respected by all who knew him.

The common schools of his native county afforded J. L. Kunkle the means of obtaining a good education, he completing his studies therein at the age of nineteen years. For seventeen years thereafter he assisted with the work on his father's farm and also imported draught horses, realizing therefrom a goodly profit. At the present time (1905) he is the owner of the farm in North Huntingdon township, on which his mother was born and resided during her lifetime. After abandoning the business of buying and selling horses, he leased the Hotel Stark and conducted the same successfully for twelve years, at the expiration of which time (1905) he leased the house which was formerly the property of Dr. H. G. Lomison, and which is now known as the Kunkle Hotel. This is conducted in a thoroughly business-like manner, everything pertaining to the comfort of the guests being attended to promptly, and it therefore should receive a large share of the patronage of the traveling public. Mr. Kunkle casts his vote with the Democratic party, the principles of which he believes to be for the best form of government. He is a good citizen and a successful business man. Mr. Kunkle married, May 20, 1869, Barbara E. Altman, daughter of Christopher and Barbara (Schull) Altman; and their children are: Sarah E. M., who became the wife of Hunter Stone; they reside in East End, Pittsburg, and are the parents of two children: John L. K. and Daniel S. Stone, John A., Mary E., died at the age of eighteen years; and Laura L., resides at home.

ROBERT WATSON HERBERT. It is universally agreed that one of the best methods of educating the masses is to inculcate the study of the able articles to be found in the columns of our daily and weekly papers. To contribute worthily to this means of popular education is to render no incon-

siderable service to the world at large. Among the many able writers and correspondents in the political field must be mentioned the name which heads this narrative, Robert Watson Herbert, a native of this country, and a descendant of Irish ancestry, who unites with the shrewdness and wit of that country the ambition and enterprise which seem inherent in the natives of this.

John Herbert, father of Robert Watson Herbert, and the first of the family to emigrate to this country, was born in Ireland, June 24, 1813. He was the son of Christopher and Mary Herbert. He came to the United States in 1849 and made his home in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and engaged in the occupation of farming. His education had been obtained in the public school in Ireland, and he took an active part in the educational matters in his new home. He served as school director for twelve years, during which time he made a number of improvements in the school system of the town. He married Katherine Dixon, born in Ireland, April 23, 1823, daughter of George and Catherine Dixon. Both Mr. Herbert and his wife were members of the Episcopal church. Their children are: John, Christopher, George D., Alexander K., Frank D., W. H., R. W., James M., Mrs. W. W. Keenan, Mrs. Riley Walton and the late Jane Herbert.

Robert Watson Herbert, son of John and Katherine (Dixon) Herbert, was born in Salem township, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1859. He received his education in the public schools of his district and in the New Salem Academy. He was a very bright and studious pupil, and early showed an aptitude for literary work. He became a writer of more than local reputation, being in the employ of a political newspaper, and also as correspondent. He was for some time president of the Pennsylvania Legislative Correspondents' Association. His political affiliations are Democratic, and he is an active and valued supporter of his party. His writings show a style which is clear, concise and trenchant, and have done most effective work. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also of the Order of the Golden Eagles. He married, June 25, 1885, Margaret A. Black, daughter of Robert and Sarah (McGinley) Black, and a direct descendant from revolutionary stock. She was educated in the Pittsburg Female College. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert have one child, Robert B., born at Greensburg, December 29, 1886, educated at Kiskiminetas preparatory school.

JOHN ALBRIGHT BRANT, one of Westmoreland's younger and most capable and energetic merchants, is a representative of an old and honored family of the state of Pennsylvania.

John Brant, grandfather of John Albright Brant, followed the occupation of a wagoner on the old pike in its most palmy days. He was a Republican and a staunch adherent of his party. He was twice married; by his first wife he had children: Abraham, of whom later; Joseph, John H., Mary, who married James Shannon; and Sarah. By his second wife he had children: George M., Lizzie and McGinnis. John Brant died at an advanced age.

Abraham Brant, son of John Brant by his first wife, was born on the old pike between Berlin and Cumberland, on the farm of his parents, June 5, 1821. He had the advantage of a good common school education, and upon arriving at a suitable age learned the trade of a stone mason. Later in life he removed to Ligonier township, where he purchased a farm on which he resided. He bought out a woolen mill in 1871 and engaged in the manufacture of yarn, blankets and cloth. The mill was located in Ligonier township

and he conducted the operations personally for many years until his death. He died February 4, 1896, and was buried in Brant's cemetery in Ligonier township. He was an active and loyal member of the Evangelical church, and served in all the various offices of that institution. He was a Republican, and was elected to many of the township positions of trust. He married, August 28, 1850, Catherine Kimmel, a member of the prominent Westmoreland county family of that name. She died September 26, 1877, aged fifty-one years, and was buried in Brant's cemetery. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Brant were:

Ephraim K. (twin), born May 28, 1851; is a farmer; married Lizzie Ober, and lives in Stahlstown. Julie K. (twin), born May 28, 1851; married Emanuel Smith, of Ligonier township, and has children: Abram J., Stella M., Myrtle, and Harry W. Emma, born March 21, 1855; married Joseph Naugle, of Laughlinstown, and has children: Ira, Nevin and Ilga. John A., of whom later.

John Albright Brant, youngest child and second son of Abraham and Catherine (Kimmel) Brant, was born in Ligonier township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1861. He was educated in the common schools of the district and later attended the California State Normal school, from which he was graduated in 1887. He commenced his business career by working in the woolen mill of his father, and was actively engaged there for eighteen years, during this time thoroughly mastering every detail of the business, from the wool on the sheep's back to the finished product. While thus occupied and prior to 1888 Mr. Brant taught in the township schools for thirteen winters, with unqualified satisfaction to all concerned. He purchased the "Ligonier Echo" in 1888. This was a small and struggling paper with a subscription list of one hundred and twenty-five names, and Mr. Brant's energy and capable handling worked this up in the course of three years to a list of seven hundred and thirty-five. He then sold out his interest in the paper to his partner, I. M. Graham, who conducts the paper at the present day (1906). Mr. Brant's next business venture was in Ligonier, where for five years he owned and conducted a livery stable. Selling out this business he bought a saw mill, and for two years was engaged in lumbering. He then purchased a farm in Ligonier township, and for one year followed agricultural pursuits. He bought from the Horner heirs in 1902 the mercantile business at Stahlstown, and here he now conducts a well stocked and flourishing general store. In all his various business enterprises he has shown marked ability, and each change has marked a step forward on the road to prosperity. He is an enthusiastic Republican, and has filled very acceptably a number of the town offices, among them those of clerk and collector of taxes. He is a member of the Evangelical church at Ligonier. He married, September 11, 1889, Jessie M. Shafer, born September 6, 1870, daughter of Edward and Rachel (Naugle) Shafer. Edward Shafer is a prominent farmer of Ligonier township, is a Republican, and a member of the Lutheran church. His wife died in 1901. The children of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Brant are as follows: Noss Dean, born January 25, 1891; Willa G., August 9, 1893; and Edward E., September 27, 1900, died January 1, 1901.

CHARLES WALTER SHUEY, an enterprising and progressive citizen of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, contractor for all kinds of masonry work, is a member of an old and honored family of the county.

John Shuey, grandfather of Charles Walter Shuey, was a farmer in

Hempfield township. He married Sarah Aultman, and they had children: Margaret, died at the age of fifty-three years, was the wife of Israel Busn, of Greensburg, and had two children: Franklin, married Sadie Harold; and Nannie. Michael Daniel, born 1843; died 1876; married Laura France, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and had one child, Joseph. Katharine, married Amos Klingensmith. David, of whom later. Franklin, a farmer in Hempfield township. Robert, a farmer of Hempfield township; married Sarah Broughler, daughter of Henry and Lucinda (Walter) Broughler, of Greensburg, and had three children: Olive, died at the age of ten months; Robert, Clarence. Jacob, a farmer of Hempfield township; married Jennie Higgins, daughter of John Johnston and Lydia (Walter) Higgins, of Pleasant Unity. They have one child, Ruth. William, married Mary Shively, and has children: Hattie, Anna, Maurice, Franklin, William, Charles, and Thomas. Elizabeth, married Isaac Varner, and had two children: Maurice and Maud.

David Shuey, second son and fourth child of John and Sarah (Aultman) Shuey, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1850. His education was acquired in Smith's schoolhouse. He obtained a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman and flagman, and was in their employ fifteen years. He is a member of the First Reformed Church of Greensburg, and in politics is a Democrat. He married, October 6, 1873, Margaret Kettering, daughter of William and Eliza (Brindle) Kettering, and they have children: Alice, born September 11, 1875; died in her eleventh year. Charles Walter, of whom later. Gertrude, born May 2, 1880, died February 27, 1906. Ada Thomas, born August, 1886, died March 29, 1898. Edward Jacob, born April 27, 1878, married Bird Keener, of Greensburg, daughter of John and Alice L. (Wentzel) Keener, and they have one child, John Edward, born July 31, 1905. Pearl, born June 9, 1893.

Charles Walter Shuey, second child and eldest son of David and Margaret (Kettering) Shuey, was born in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1876. He was educated in the Greensburg public and high schools. He was then apprenticed to the trade of bricklaying with Samuel Heister, of New Kensington, and has followed this line of work with great success, making a specialty of taking contracts for bricklaying, etc. He is very energetic and determined, and is considered one of the rising young men of the district. He married, April 24, 1900, Catherine Sheppard, and they have one child, Alfred Charles, born July 28, 1902. He is a member of the United Brethren church, and affiliates with the Democratic party. A sketch of Simon P. Shuey, a cousin of Charles Walter Shuey, is also to be found in this work.

JOHN DEAN CALDWELL, M. D., was born November 1, 1873, at Hollidaysburg, Blair county, Pennsylvania. He is one of the four children surviving of five of Jonathan M. and Elizabeth (Olmes) Caldwell, the others of whom are: David, proprietor of the Poplar Grove stock farm, West Virginia; Mathilda, wife of A. F. Clark, of Mounds, Indiana; and Carl, who resides on Poplar Grove farm.

The Caldwell family is one of the oldest families of Blair county, having settled there in the days of the Indians, and the first white child born in Juniata Valley was a Caldwell. The founders of the American branch of the family were two brothers, who came from Scotland, and one of whom later became governor of North Carolina. A son of one of these brothers was Samuel Caldwell, the great-grandfather of Dr. Caldwell; the son of Samuel





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Caldwell was David who was born 1802.

His father was one of the most prominent figures in the early days of the Commonwealth, an associate justice and an important member of the judiciary. In his early days he was a Whig. He engaged extensively in manufacturing and was the owner of iron mines in the State, and was a factor, by whom he had five children: Rebecca, who married Hon. Jonathan Dean, of the supreme bench of the State; Henry, James (referred to as "Clerical"), who was judge of the Superior Court for many years; Jonathan M., see forward; Fannie, who is now living, a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Jonathan M., father of Dr. Caldwell, was born in 1804, in Pennsylvania, and after finishing his schooling was engaged in the iron and manufacturing business, the tin and brass industries. He died at the early age of thirty-nine years, leaving to the grand children when thirty-two years old. Upon his death the estate was taken by their grandfather, the Dr. Caldwell, and was under his control until his death, which occurred in 1875.

John Caldwell, M. D., was reared by his grandfather with his brothers and sisters. His literary education was acquired at Washington College, Jefferson College, and finally he took a classical course. He took up the study of medicine with Dr. H. H. Brotherhood, of Hollidaysburg, and he graduated at the University of Pennsylvania, medical department, in the spring of the year 1831. After graduation he took up practice at Galena, Kansas, where he was located for two years, during which time he was also extensively engaged in lead and zinc mining enterprises. He returned to Pennsylvania in 1833 and later located at Herminie, where he has built up a remunerative practice and has gained an enviable reputation as a practitioner and a skilled surgeon. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the Somerset County Medical Society, of Allegheny, Pa., No. 552, I. and A. M., of the Modern Woodmen of America, the K. O. T. M., and the A. O. U. M. He is also a member of the Jonathan Ashurst Junior Surgical Society. Politically he is a Republican. He has never taken an active interest in politics. In 1885 Dr. Caldwell married Ida M. Hughes, of Hollidaysburg, a daughter of William V. Hughes, a son of W. V. Hughes & Son, contractors, and Builders. Two children have been born of this marriage, William F. and Elizabeth O. Caldwell. The latter has always occupied a prominent social position and has many distinguished friends, among them Jonathan Caldwell Callahan, of national fame, whose mother's name was Caldwell.

**SAMUEL CLARENCE WEBNER.** In the death of Samuel Webster, which occurred December 29, 1904, the borough of West Newton lost one of its prominent, enterprising, business men, a man whose life was passed exclusively what can be best described by strict adherence to duty, and by a steadfast determination to succeed, and the large number of enterprises which were achieved by him was the direct result. His own ambition to succeed was a native of West Newton, born September 16, 1836, a son of John and Catherine Loretta (Hanna) Webster.

Samuel C. Webster acquired his early English education at West Newton Academy. January 1, 1852, he was one of the founders of the firm of Riley & Webster, merchants and dealers in cloth, and in 1853 he became the largest enterprise and business concern in the county.



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Caldwell was David, who was born at Warriors Mark, Pennsylvania. He, in his day, was one of the most prominent figures of Blair county, for many years an associate judge and an important factor in the Republican party; in his early days he was a Whig. He engaged extensively in various lines of manufacturing and was the owner of iron mines in addition. His wife was Sarah Martin, by whom he had five children: Rebecca, who was the wife of the Hon. Jonathan Dean, of the supreme bench of Pennsylvania; Ellie, wife of Hon. James Freoff, of Colorado, who was judge of Leadville county for many years; Jonathan M., see forward; Fannie, who is the only one of the children living, a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Jonathan M., father of Dr. Caldwell, was born in 1855, at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, and after finishing his schooling was associated with his father in the iron manufacturing business, the tannery business and in the mining industries. He died at the early age of thirty-nine years, his wife preceding him to the grave, having died when thirty-four years old. Upon the death of the parents the children were taken by their grandfather, the Hon. David Caldwell, and were under his control until his death, which occurred in 1895.

John D. Caldwell, M. D., was reared by his grandfather with his brothers and sisters. His literary education was acquired at Washington College and Jefferson College, at which latter he took a classical course. He took up the study of medicine with Dr. H. H. Brotherland, of Hollidaysburg, and later graduated at the University of Pennsylvania, medical department, in the spring of the year 1899. After graduation he took up practice at Galena, Kansas, where he was located for two years, during which time he was also extensively engaged in lead and zinc mining enterprises. He returned to Pennsylvania in 1901 and later located at Herminie, where he has built up a remunerative practice and has gained an enviable reputation as a practitioner and skilled surgeon. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the Somerset County Medical Society, of Myersdale, Lodge No. 554, F. and A. M., of the Modern Woodmen of America, the K. O. T. M. and the A. O. N. W. He is also a member of the Jonathan Ashurst Junior Surgical Society. Politically he is a Republican, but has never taken an active interest in politics. In 1895 Dr. Caldwell married Ida M. Hughes, of Hollidaysburg, a daughter of William V. Hughes, of the firm of W. V. Hughes & Son, contractors and builders. Two children were born of this marriage—William H. and Elizabeth O. Caldwell. The family has always occupied a prominent social position and claims many distinguished members, among them Jonathan Caldwell Calhoun, of national fame, whose mother's name was Caldwell.

**SAMUEL CLARENCE WEIMER.** In the death of Samuel C. Weimer, which occurred December 20, 1904, the borough of West Newton lost one of its prominent, enterprising, business men, a man whose prominence proved conclusively what can be accomplished by strict attention to business, and by a steadfast determination to succeed, and the large measure of success achieved by him was the direct result of his own ambition and effort. He was a native of West Newton, born September 10, 1846, and hence was in the fifty-ninth year of his age when he died. His parents were Samuel Bossart and Catherine Lucetta (Hanna) Weimer.

Samuel C. Weimer acquired a good, English education in the West Newton Academy. January 1, 1872, he was one of the organizers of the firm of Richey & Weimer, merchants, and they established a department store, which became the largest enterprise along those lines in that section of the county.

In 1876 he purchased his partner's interest in the business, and conducted the same up to his death. He was a member in the organization of the Van Dyke, Weimer & Taylor banking firm, which conducted an extensive business, and which later disposed of its business to the First National Bank. It was largely owing to his efforts that the plant of the United States Radiator Works was located in West Newton, adding greatly to the growth and development of the town. He was chairman of the building committee of the United Presbyterian church, contributed liberally toward the building of the same, served in the capacity of trustee and treasurer, filling the latter office for more than a quarter of a century. He was a Republican in politics, and exercised a potent influence in behalf of the party whose principles he advocated. A short time prior to his death, failing in health, he retired from business and led a quiet life. Mr. Weimer married, October 3, 1883, Margaret J. Corey, daughter of James B. and Elizabeth Ann (Kidd) Corey, the former named being one of the well known coal operators of the Monongahela valley, residing at Braddock, Pennsylvania. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Weimer: Elizabeth L. C. and Mary H. The family hold membership in the United Presbyterian church of West Newton.

GEORGE H. JOHNSON, of Parnassus, is the son of Samuel and Mary Johnson, and was born March 20, 1857, in England, whence he emigrated in 1884 to the United States. His first home was in Pittsburg, where for three years he engaged in mill work. He then moved to Milltown, Allegheny county, and later to Westmoreland county, devoting himself in both places to farming and the dairy business. In July, 1904, he established a milk store in New Kensington, which he has successfully conducted down to the present time. He is a member of Ben Hur Court, of New Kensington. He married, before leaving England, Emily Ann Chapman, and their children, all of whom were born in the native land of their parents, are: William A., engineer at the glass works in Arnold, married Myrtle Hilty, and has one child, Kenneth; Ada May, at home; Sidney Samuel, also engineer at the Arnold glass works, married Blanche Hilty.

CHARLES C. CROWELL is a representative of the fifth generation of the Crowell family in the state of Pennsylvania. The original American progenitor was John Crowell, who immigrated to America in the first half of the eighteenth century, having landed in the city of Philadelphia on the 19th day of August, 1729. Notwithstanding his age he served in the revolution. (See Pennsylvania Archives, second series, vol. 13, page 619.) There he maintained his home for some time, after which he removed to Chester county, where he passed the closing years of his life and where in the year 1758 his son Henry, the great-grandfather of Charles C. Crowell, was born.

Henry Crowell afterwards removed to York county, near Hall postoffice, where he purchased a tract of land upon which he continued to reside until his death in 1833, and where his son Daniel was born on the 12th day of July, 1803. Daniel Crowell removed from the old homestead in York county, first to Trumbull county, Ohio, where he was married on the 5th day of March, 1835, to Hannah Carroll, daughter of Jonathan Carroll. Shortly afterwards he again removed to Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where his son, Daniel V. Crowell, was born on the 14th day of December, 1843, and in the same year he again removed to Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and there he resided until his death on the 11th day of June, 1876. Daniel V. Crowell married, January 19, 1865, Emma Caroline, youngest daughter of

Joseph and Elizabeth Kameron, both of whom were descended from old pioneer families of Westmoreland county. Emma C. Crowell was born May 14, 1842. Her paternal ancestor was one of the petitioners to the Colonial authorities for assistance in defending the Westmoreland frontier against the Indians prior to the burning of Hannastown (1782). They continued to reside at Adamsburg (where their only son, the subject of this review, was born February 1, 1866) until some twenty-five years ago, when they removed to their present place of residence near Greensburg. In politics Daniel V. Crowell is a Republican, so likewise was his father. Both he and his wife are members of the Dutch Reformed church. He served under General Richard Coulter in the renowned Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment in the civil war, having enlisted when seventeen years old.

Charles C. Crowell is a member of the bar of his native county, being engaged in the practice of his profession in Greensburg. He secured his educational training in the public schools of Adamsburg and thereafter continued his studies in the Greensburg Seminary, from which institution he was graduated in 1891. He read law under the preceptorship of John F. Wentling, one of the talented and honored members of the Westmoreland bar, and was admitted to practice at the May term of the court in 1893. He served as second lieutenant and battalion adjutant in the Tenth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Spanish-American war. Mr. Crowell married January 4, 1899, Henrietta M. Turney, youngest daughter of the late Hon. Jacob and Mary S. Turney. They have one son, Daniel V. Crowell, born June 21, 1901. In politics Mr. Crowell is an advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and adheres to the faith of the Dutch Reformed church.

R. F. GRAHAM. The father of R. F. Graham, of Vandergrift, was Andrew Graham, who was a cooper by trade and a large manufacturer in company with John Hackett. Their factory was situated for seven years at Belle Vernon.

Mr. Graham married Mary A. Riddell, and their children are: Lindsey, Mary A., John M., Andrew, Joseph, R. F., mentioned hereafter; and Elizabeth. Mr. Graham has now retired from business. He is a resident of Webster. His wife is deceased.

R. F. Graham, son of Andrew and Mary A. (Riddell) Graham, was born June 8, 1866, in Fayette county, where he was educated in the common schools. At an early age, under the instruction of his father, he thoroughly learned the coopers' trade, in its various branches. Subsequently he became foreman in the keg department of the Allegheny workhouse. In 1896 he moved to Westmoreland county and for some years was engaged in mercantile business at Vandergrift, which is still his place of residence. He was one of the organizers of the Apollo Cooperage Company, of Apollo, which was chartered May 19, 1904, with Van T. Shepler as president, H. F. Jack as vice-president, and R. F. Graham as secretary, treasurer and general manager. Their factory is situated in West Apollo and turns out all kinds of tight barrels and kegs. The company employs twenty-five men, whose average output is two hundred and fifty barrels daily. Their machinery is the best and of the most modern description. Mr. Graham is associated with the American Insurance Company. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the R. A., and Apollo Lodge, No. 437 F. and A. M., in which he holds the rank of past master. Mr. Graham married Edith P. Fell, and they have three sons: Vernon F., Robert C., and Ernest S.

**SAMUEL W. HAMILTON.** The father of Samuel W. Hamilton, of Vandergrift, was William R. Hamilton, who was born in 1811, in Allegheny county, where he was reared to farm life. As a young man he moved to Armstrong county, settling on a farm between Putneyville and New Bethlehem, on which he lived until about ten years before his death, when he retired and moved into New Bethlehem, but died in Allegheny. During the active period of his life he was one of the most progressive farmers in the county, and was recognized as a leader in the agricultural district in which he lived. He was an experimenter in all branches of his calling. He is entitled to the honor of having been one of the most active of the abolitionists and a member of the underground railroad. In the ranks of the Republican party he was an influential factor, but would never accept office. In early life he was a member of the United Presbyterian church and later of the Presbyterian, and was for many years a church worker and officer. Mr. Hamilton married Ann C. Hamilton, and their children were: Windfield Scott, ranchman at Douglas, Wyoming; Samuel W., mentioned hereinafter; William Finley, also ranchman at Douglas, Wyoming; Edward Alexander, in pottery business at New Bethlehem; Margaret R., wife of the Rev. R. J. George, of Allegheny; Clara Belle, wife of W. T. Putney, of New Bethlehem; Anna M., wife of Charles Sedgwick, of Toledo, Ohio; and one deceased. Mr. Hamilton, the father, died in 1894.

Samuel W. Hamilton, son of William R. and Ann C. (Hamilton) Hamilton, was born March 17, 1843, in Allegheny county. When he was a year old his parents moved to Armstrong county, on a farm and there he acquired his education in the schools, afterward attending the Dayton (Pennsylvania) Academy, and finishing with a commercial course at the Iron City College. On September 25, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served to the close of the war. On April 20, 1864, the entire brigade with the exception of five companies was captured at Plymouth, North Carolina, and for ten months and eleven days was confined in Andersonville, Charleston and Florence. On February 28, 1865, they were released on parole and after a month in camp were sent home, Mr. Hamilton being honorably discharged at Pittsburg in April, 1865. On his return home he completed his education and was afterward pressed by his friends to accept the nomination for treasurer of Armstrong county. He consented, and with but two weeks for a campaign, received the nomination by a large plurality. After another two weeks' campaign he was elected by a handsome majority. Upon the expiration of his term of office he engaged in the oil business at Parker's Landing, but three years later disposed of his interest and went to New Bethlehem, where he embarked in the foundry business, with which he was prominently identified for fifteen years. At the end of that time he disposed of the business and became a hardware merchant in Apollo, continuing until 1896, when the borough of Vandergrift was founded. He then removed his business to that place, where he has since conducted it successfully. In September, 1904, he was appointed postmaster of Vandergrift, an office which he still holds. He belongs to Whitworth Post, No. 89, G. A. R., of Apollo, and is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and for the last four years has served as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Hamilton married in 1867, Jennie, daughter of William and Mollie (Quigley) Cochran, of Armstrong county, and their children are: John B., assistant postmaster of Vandergrift; Allison A., manager of his father's hardware business; Mary Leonora, graduate of Indiana Normal

school and teacher in Vandergrift; and Anna Belle, at home, attending Kneff College, Philadelphia.

**LOUCKS, LOUX, OR LAUX FAMILY.** Peter Loucks, (usual spelling on Bucks county records; church and civil, Loux), the progenitor of the American branch of the family, was born in Germany in the year 1706. He came to America in the ship "Friendship," arriving in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1738; he was probably unmarried when he arrived. He settled in Bedminster township, Bucks county, about 1749, and in 1762 purchased from Chief Justice Allen one hundred and eighty-five acres of land, and in 1781 purchased another farm in the same township for his second son, Jacob Loucks. He resided on the former piece of property many years before the deed was executed; he probably purchased it on the installment plan, as did nearly all of the settlers on Allen's plot of six thousand six hundred and three acres in Bedminster, paying down a small amount and the deed being executed when payments were all made. He was a member of the Tohickon Reformed church. His wife, Catharine Loucks, whom he married about 1748 or 1750, was the first child born in Bedminster township. Their children were: Barbara, who became the wife of Jacob Solliday, January 10, 1773; John, who settled in Plumstead township, Bucks county, and at his death left a family; Jacob, who married and settled in Bedminster about 1781, and Peter, Jr., mentioned hereafter. Mr. Loucks died on the homestead in Bedminster township, near Deep Run Mennonite church, about the year 1795.

Peter Loux, Jr., was born in Bedminster township, December 19, 1760. He married Anna Overholt, who was born in Bedminster, Bucks county, November 25, 1770, daughter of Henry and Anna (Beidler) Overholt, who were neighbors of the Loucks family. April 1, 1793, Mr. Loux purchased a farm of one hundred and seventy-six acres and fifty-nine perches in Plumstead township, and resided thereon until April 1, 1800, when he sold his farm and removed with his wife's brothers—Henry and Martin Overholt—to Fayette county, removing later to Westmoreland county, where he settled near the Overholts, on the site of what is now Scottdale, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres and engaged in farming. He was a member of the Mennonite church. He died July 10, 1825, in the sixty-fifth year of his age; his wife died March 15, 1845. Their children were as follows:

Catharine, born about 1793, became the wife of John W. Stauffer.

Henry, born 1794, in Plumstead township, Bucks county, died in Westmoreland county, December, 1854; he married (first) Mary Myers, who bore him two children; John and Peter. He married (second) Barbara Rosenberger Stauffer, daughter of Henry and Betty (Rosenberger) Stauffer, in 1840, and their children were: Joseph, Henry, Mary, Betsy, Anna, and Susan.

Jacob, born January 6, 1795, in Plumstead township, Bucks county, died near Scottdale, Westmoreland county September 10, 1880. He married Catharine Smith, widow of Christian Fretz, October, 1830, and their children were: Martin, Anna, Elizabeth, Jacob, Samuel, Maria, and Catharine.

Mary, born in Plumstead township, Bucks county, March 19, 1797, died April 14, 1880. She married Jacob Shupe, born March 15, 1789, died June 4, 1870. They were the parents of five children.

Rev. Martin, born in Plumstead township, Bucks county, December 9, 1798. When a babe he was brought to Westmoreland county with his parents, and there spent his entire life. He was reared on the homestead, which consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, and later became the owner thereof.

to which he subsequently added another farm adjoining, which consisted of one hundred and seventy acres, and these two farms which were located in what is now the borough of Scottdale have been built upon, but not during the lifetime of Martin Loucks. He was a successful farmer, and also a devout member of the Mennonite church, in which he was a minister for many years, being ordained in 1833 and preaching up to the time of his death. His labors were confined to the churches at what is now Alverton and Pennsville. He was a man who always had the best interests of his county, state and country at heart. He married, June 15, 1826, Nancy Stauffer, who was born in Fayette county, February 9, 1808, and they were the parents of eight children: Jacob, a resident of Scottdale; Abraham S., a resident of Scottdale; Peter, deceased; Martin S., a resident of Scottdale; John, a resident of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of David F. Stoner, of Scottdale; Anna, unmarried, a resident of Scottdale; and Catharine, deceased. Rev. Martin Loucks died November 7, 1869, survived by his wife, who passed away June 19, 1900.

Nancy, who died in early life.

John, born in Fayette county, April 8, 1802, died 1885. He married, in 1827, Sarah Bassler, who bore him the following children: Peter, John, Catharine, Nancy, Susan, Joseph, and Solomon.

Peter, born in Westmoreland county, September 21, 1805, died in Elkhart, Indiana, April 1895. He married, February 1, 1827, Anna Barkey, and their children were: Susan, Anna, Jacob, William, John, Sarah, Martin, Isaac, Catharine, Peter, Mary, and Jonas.

Sarah, born in Westmoreland county, November 29, 1808, died October 19, 1898. She was the wife of Samuel Dillinger.

MARTIN S. LOUCKS, one of the representative business men of Scottdale, son of the Rev. Martin and Nancy (Stauffer) Loucks, mentioned at length in the preceding family sketch, was born July 2, 1843, on the old Loucks homestead.

He was reared on the farm, educated in the common schools adjacent to his home, and assisted with the varied and arduous labors of the homestead until 1880. He then engaged in the hardware business with Z. X. Snyder under the firm name of Loucks & Snyder, which connection continued for four years, at the expiration of which time D. G. Morrow purchased the interest of Mr. Snyder and the firm became known as Loucks & Morrow. They conducted business under this style until January 1, 1898, when John S. Loucks was taken into the firm, making the firm Loucks, Morrow & Company, and January 1, 1904, the firm name was changed to Loucks, Hardman & Co. From a small beginning the business has grown to be one of the finest established of its kind in the county, and they carry a full line of shelf and heavy wood, building materials of every description, stoves, tinware, wagons, buggies, and farm implements. Mr. Loucks has quietly pursued a conservative and safe course in business, and has built up an industry that reflects credit upon himself and from which he derives a large profit. He is one of the original stockholders in the First National Bank of Scottdale, a stockholder and director in the Scottdale Savings & Trust Company, a stockholder and director in the Scottdale Foundry and Machine Company, and a stockholder in the F. A. Black Manufacturing Company, of Scottdale. He is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church of Scottdale, and one of the leading and useful citizens of the community.

REV. AARON LOUCKS. Jacob S. Loucks, father of the Rev. Aaron Loucks, was born October 10, 1829, reared on the old Loucks homestead, and educated in the common schools of the neighborhood. He turned his attention to farming, which occupation he followed with a large degree of success throughout the active years of his life. In addition to this he was one of the promoters and partners of the lumber manufacturing firm of Loucks, Larimer & Co., who owned the first planing mill established in Scottdale. He also owned and operated a feed store for a number of years, and later he and Albert Keister established a feed and flour business, they manufacturing the latter commodity. He was one of the promoters of the Electric Light plant of Scottdale, a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Scottdale, and also a large stockholder in the old Meadow rolling mill. He also laid out and had platted about one-third of the borough of Scottdale, and in many ways aided in its growth and development. He served as a member of the school board, and was one of the leading members of the Mennonite church, of which he was a trustee, and to the work of which he contributed liberally both of time and money, being largely instrumental in the erection of the church edifice at Scottdale.

Jacob S. Loucks married, May 12, 1853, Mary Saylor, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Barbara Saylor, who was born December 20, 1833. Eleven children were the issue of this union: Joseph R., of Scottdale; Martin R., unmarried, of Scottdale; David S., a farmer of East Huntingdon township; Abraham R., a farmer, of East Huntingdon township; Aaron, mentioned hereafter; John R., a farmer of Scottdale; George S., a farmer of East Huntingdon township; Norman, who was drowned at the age of two and one-half years; an infant, deceased; Ada, wife of the Rev. A. D. Martin, of Scottdale; Cora, wife of Charles A. Brilhart, of Scottdale.

Rev. Aaron Loucks was born November 20, 1864, on the old Loucks homestead. He attended the public schools of Scottdale, and for a short period of time was a student at the Chicago Moody Bible Institute. He took up farming and followed the same until 1900 in East Huntingdon township, his operations being in the main successful. In 1892 he was ordained a minister in the Mennonite church by Bishop John N. Derr, now of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. He took up his work in the Alverton Church, but since 1893, when the church in Scottdale was built, he has labored in the interest of that congregation. In addition to considerable outside work at different points, he attends to the duties and needs of the church at Masontown. He is the manager of *The Gospel Witness*, a religious weekly, published at Scottdale, and director at large of the Mennonite Board of Charitable Homes and Missions. He is a member of the board of directors of Goshen College, at Goshen, Indiana. He is also a director and stockholder of the Scottdale Printing Company, one of the leading business enterprises of that borough. He entered upon his ministerial work with zeal and energy and has been signally successful, many having been brought into the church through his earnest and conscientious effort. Rev. Aaron Loucks married, October 28, 1886, Amelia C. Medsger, daughter of the late Jacob L. and Nancy Medsger. Their children are: Walter M., a student at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana; William J., a student at the common schools of Scottdale; and Anna May Loucks.

ABRAHAM S. LOUCKS, one of the representative citizens of Scottdale, son of the Rev. Martin and Nancy (Stauffer) Loucks, mentioned at length in the preceding family sketch, was born April 12, 1838, on the old homestead at what is now the borough of Scottdale.

He was reared on the farm, and educated in the public schools and Mount Pleasant College. At the age of eighteen years he devoted his attention to teaching, and taught for seven winter terms in Westmoreland and Fayette counties, a vocation for which he was well qualified. His next occupation was that of farming, his operations being conducted in Westmoreland and Fayette counties until 1867. He then purchased a farm of one hundred and eighty-eight acres in Mount Pleasant township, which he occupied and cultivated until 1895, when he removed to Scottdale, his present home, but he still has the farm under his immediate supervision. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Scottdale, of which he was vice president for a period of almost five years. He has always had the best interests of the community at heart, and although not an office seeker, has taken a keen and deep interest in local political affairs. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of Scottdale, of which he has been an elder for the past ten years, and in 1903 he was a delegate from the Red Stone Presbyterian Church to the general assembly of the church north, which convened at Los Angeles, California. For more than three decades he has been active in the Sabbath school connected therewith, and all branches of the work pertaining to the church finds in him a willing and earnest supporter. In 1889 he erected for the use of himself and family a beautiful and modern residence at the corner of Loucks and Chestnut streets, Scottdale, which is one of the finest houses in that pleasant locality.

Mr. Loucks was married April 2, 1861, to Charlotte Ager, a native of Pennsylvania, born October 30, 1841, died May 15, 1900. The following named children were the issue of this marriage: Amanda M., who resides at home. Dortha May, died August 19, 1897; she was the wife of W. L. Kelly, of Scottdale. Meade M., a physician, a resident of Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College of Pennsylvania, also the Pennsylvania Medical University, of Philadelphia. Charles H., cashier of the First National Bank, and burgess of Scottdale; he is a graduate of Meadville Business College. He was a soldier in the Spanish-American war, a member of Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, and served the entire campaign in the Philippine Islands. Albert H., a machinist, a resident of Marion, Indiana. John S., a graduate of Duff's Business College, Pittsburg; he is a member of the firm of Loucks Hardware Company. Nancy Winifred, who resides at home. Petrina Pearl, who died April 21, 1888, in childhood. Royden Keith, a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College; he is a member of the firm of Loucks Hardware Company, Scottdale. An infant son, deceased. Ruth, a graduate of Scottdale high school, now (1905) a student at Mount Pleasant Institute. Amanda Dortha May, and Nancy Winifred were all graduates of the Indiana (Pennsylvania) State Normal school. Amanda has been engaged in teaching in the public schools of Scottdale, where Dortha May also taught prior to her marriage.

E. RALPH LOUCKS was born September 19, 1882, son of Peter S. and Mary A. (Boyd) Loucks, and grandson of the Rev. Martin Loucks, of East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, mentioned at length in the preceding sketch.

Peter S. Loucks (father) was born May 3, 1841. He was educated in the common schools of the neighborhood, was reared to farm life, and during his entire lifetime gave a certain amount of attention to farms and farming, owning considerable farm property. He became the possessor of the old homestead, which contained the eighty original acres, also the additional eighty acres, in all one hundred and sixty acres, and about one hundred acres of this







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tract has been divided and subdivided into building lots, having been laid out and builded thereon under the supervision of Mr. Loucks, and this is now the main part of the borough of Scottdale. He always had the best interests of the community at heart, and in every way contributed to the promotion of its welfare. He was one of the promoters of the Scottdale Bank, one of the strongest financial institutions of this part of the county, and of which he served as vice president. He with several others purchased the Scottdale Iron and Steel plant after its failure, infused new life into the same and placed it in a most prosperous condition, and at the time of his death was president of the same. He was also part owner and operator of the Westmoreland Planing Mill Company. He did not let his influence stop at home, and his work was felt in the west as well as the east, he having purchased several farms in Kansas and assisted in establishing two banks, one at La Cross and one at McCrackin, Kansas. He was a man who never figured in political affairs, as his training had been along different lines, but he did, however, hold several local offices. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Loucks married Mary A. Boyd, of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, daughter of George W. and Martha Boyd. Their children were as follows: Arthur B., born June 18, 1880, attended the high school of Scottdale, and Washington and Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1903. He is now engaged in the real estate business, and was one of the organizers and serves as vice-president of the F. A. Black Manufacturing Company. He is a member of the B. P. O. E., Lodge No. 777. E. Ralph, whose name heads this sketch, born September 19, 1882, educated in the high schools of Scottdale and spent one year at Washington and Jefferson College. He is now secretary and treasurer of the F. A. Black Manufacturing Company, of which he was one of the organizers. He is unmarried. Martha Grace, born August, 1888, unmarried. Nancy Irene, born August, 1890, unmarried. Preston S., born August, 1894, at home. Peter S. Loucks, the father of these children, died November 6, 1897.

SAMUEL ALLWINE was born on his father's farm in Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1820, and is a son of Jacob and Catharine (Smith) Allwine. His paternal grandfather was born near Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupation of farming all his life. Jacob Allwine (father) was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, in 1771, and came to Westmoreland county in early days, when Hannastown was yet the county seat. He followed agricultural pursuits, and distilled some in winter. He believed in the principles of the Democratic party, and was a faithful and devoted member of the Catholic church. He married Catharine Smith, by whom he had seven children. After her death he married a Miss Stevenson, in 1835, but to this union no children were born. Jacob Allwine departed this life at the age of eighty-three years, in 1854.

Samuel Allwine, after leaving the subscription schools of his youthful days, learned the blacksmith trade in Greensburg, at which he worked for thirty-five years, at the same time carrying on wagon making. He then engaged in the livery business, and contracted on the S. W. P. R. R. for some four years. He purchased the hotel now known as the Zimmerman House, which he enlarged and improved until it is now one of the best hotels in the county. Owing to industry and business ability Mr. Allwine has succeeded in amassing considerable wealth. He is a staunch Democrat, and has served twelve years as burgess of the borough of Greensburg. He is a devout and

useful member of the Catholic church, and is one of the substantial citizens of the county. Samuel Allwine married, June 22, 1843, Elizabeth, a daughter of Samuel Allshouse, and they have had six children, of whom three are living: Samuel, a baker of Greensburg; Henry, living at home; and Cordelia, who married B. B. Zimmerman, for many years proprietor of the Zimmerman House.

JAMES IRVIN MABON, M. D. The grandfather of Dr. James Irvin Mabon, of Vandergrift Heights, was James Mabon, who was born in Ireland, and as a child was brought to this country by his parents who settled in Westmoreland county. His wife was Jennie McQuilkin, a native of Scotland, who had also been brought to this country in childhood. Soon after their marriage they settled on a farm in what is now Mahoning township, Indiana county.

William Mabon, son of James and Jennie (McQuilkin) Mabon, was born August 16, 1829, in South Mahoning township, and in April, 1854, moved to a farm near Marion Center, on Pickering run. This land, which he inherited from his father, was then part of an unbroken forest, but by his efforts was cleared and developed. He held at different times nearly all the township offices, and from 1882 to 1885 served as county commissioner. Politically he was a Republican. He became in boyhood a member of the old Beracca Church of Plumville, known as the old seceder church. In later life he joined the United Presbyterian church of East Mahoning. Mr. Mabon married Elizabeth, born December 25, 1832, in South Mahoning township, daughter of John and Maria (Crotzer) Lewis, the former of Welsh descent and the latter of German lineage. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mabon two survive: James Irvin, mentioned hereinafter; and Clark A., an attorney of Wheeling, West Virginia. The death of the mother of the family occurred September 6, 1889. She was a consistent member of the same church as her husband. The latter died April 22, 1904, three days after his removal to Marion Center from the farm on which he had spent forty-nine years of his life.

James Irvin Mabon, son of William and Elizabeth (Lewis) Mabon, was born July 16, 1858, in Marion Center, Indiana county, where he received his education in the common schools and at Marion Institute. At the age of fifteen he began teaching in the public schools, and for eleven years was an instructor in the schools of Indiana and Jefferson counties, three years of the time being engaged in the Reynoldsville schools. In 1885 he took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Christopher McEwen, of Plumville, Indiana county, and in September, 1886, matriculated in the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, graduating with the class of 1888. In April of the same year he entered upon the practice of his profession in Penn Run, Indiana county, remaining there twelve years. In October, 1900, he moved to Vandergrift and has since built up an extensive practice. He is a member of the board of health. Fraternally he is connected with the following organizations: Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M., of Indiana; Vandergrift Lodge, No. 502, K. P.; F. O. E., and the R. A. He is a Republican in politics. Dr. Mabon married, October 3, 1883, Mary C. Jenks, and their children were: Vera Amy, deceased; Anna Elizabeth, a gifted instrumental musician; William Jenks, and Mary Cornelia. Mrs. Mabon is a daughter of John W. Jenks, now deceased, a well known tanner of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, son of Dr. John W. Jenks, who was the first physician of that place, and brother of

George A. Jenks, who was one of the most prominent attorneys of western Pennsylvania and held the office of solicitor general under the Cleveland administration.

**CHARLES OSCAR WHERRY.** The grandfather of Charles Oscar Wherry, of Vandergrift Heights, was Thomas Wherry, a well known farmer of South Bend, Pennsylvania, where his son, also Thomas Wherry, was born and reared to a farm life. After reaching manhood the latter acquired a farm in his native place, on which he resided during his remaining years. Thomas Wherry, Jr., married Malena Rupert, and their children were: Harvey, of South Bend; Margaret, wife of Victor A. Hugo, of Washington, District of Columbia; and Charles Oscar, mentioned hereinafter. The death of Mr. Wherry occurred about 1879.

Charles Oscar Wherry, son of Thomas and Malena (Rupert) Wherry, was born May 30, 1875, in South Bend, and was but four years old at the time of his father's death. His education was acquired in the common schools, and in 1892 he obtained a position in a grocery store, in Apollo, where he was employed some two years. He then entered the drug store of W. G. Young, then of Apollo, now of Vandergrift, with whom he remained about seven years. In the autumn of 1899 he entered the pharmaceutical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, graduating in the spring of 1901. During the leisure hours and vacations of his college course he was employed in various drug stores in Pittsburg and Allegheny City. After graduation he returned to Apollo and for two years was employed in the drug store of W. F. Pauly. In 1903 he went to Vandergrift Heights and opened his present drug store, in which he conducts a large business. He affiliates with Apollo Lodge, No. 386, B. P. O. E., of Apollo, and Vandergrift Aerie, No. 1058, F. O. E. He is a Democrat and a member of the German Reformed church. Mr. Wherry married, June 26, 1903, Aletta, daughter of John R. Hanna, of Apollo, one child, Purvis L. Louise, now deceased.

**FRANCIS ELMER HENRY, M. D.,** one of the best known of the medical practitioners in this section of Pennsylvania, traces his descent to both the Scotch and the Irish.

Robert Henry, grandfather of Dr. Francis Elmer Henry, was a native of the north of Ireland, married Elizabeth, ———, who was born in Scotland and emigrated to America. He settled in Pennsylvania.

Alexander Henry, son of Robert and Elizabeth Henry, was born near Freeport, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, in 1818, and died in 1885. He was reared on his father's farm, and in early manhood learned the trade of a brick mason. He was employed in the building of the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company and put up the first building of furnaces of the plant, and from that time until his death was associated with the mills as the master brick mason and furnace builder. He taught his five sons his trade, and under his tuition they all became skilled in building furnaces and as brick masons. Mr. Henry was Democratic in his political belief, a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a devout Christian. He married Mary Talmage, born opposite Leechburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1829, the daughter of Lynus and Hettie (Crawl) Talmage, and the granddaughter of Dr. Samuel Talmage, one of the pioneer physicians of western Pennsylvania. Mrs. Henry resides with her son Samuel at Vandergrift. Of their nine children six are now living, as follows: Samuel M., clerk in mills in Vandergrift; Thomas J., M. D., resides in Apollo; Charles W., master furnace builder

for the American Sheet Steel and Tin Plate Company; Lizzie M., wife of J. M. Bortz, sheet heater of mills in Vandergrift; Francis Elmer, to be mentioned hereinafter; and Juliet D., wife of Meredith C. Stitt of Tarentum.

Francis Elmer Henry, M. D., son of Alexander and Mary (Talmage) Henry, was born in Apollo, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1867. His childhood and youth were passed at home with his parents, and he received his education in the common and high schools of Apollo. From his first attendance at school he evinced a desire for study and took the greatest interest in his school work. He was, however, very ambitious, and was but fourteen years of age, when, under the tuition of his father, he worked during the summer months and learned the trade of brick and stone mason. This, however, did not appeal to him as a life work. In the spring of 1887 he commenced the study of medicine under the preceptorship of his brother, Dr. Thomas J. Henry, at Apollo. In about six months he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Maryland. From this he was graduated in the spring of 1891, and for the two years following his graduation practiced in partnership with his brother in Apollo, and for the three subsequent years continued his practice independently in the same town. In 1896 Dr. Henry removed to Newcastle, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his profession for a period of about two years, when, the mills closing in that place, he removed to Cochrane Mills, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. Here he practiced his profession very successfully for a period of four years, and then removed to Vandergrift Heights, where he has established himself permanently and built up a very lucrative practice. He is recognized in the medical profession as being one of the best read physicians in Westmoreland county, is progressive in his ideas, and well abreast of the times outside of his profession as well as in it. He is highly esteemed by all who know him. Dr. Henry is Republican in his political affiliations, and is at present (1905) burgess of the borough of Vandergrift Heights. He has served as the physician of the board of health in the boroughs of Vandergrift Heights and Apollo; is a member of Apollo Lodge, No. 437, F. and A. M.; member of the R. A. and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Vandergrift Heights. He married in 1893, Gertrude B. Cochran, of Apollo, daughter of Robert S. and Mary (Hart) Cochran. Their children are: Meredith C., Samuel Paul, and Mary Marjorie.

**JOHN A. HARMAN.** The Harman family of Donegal township, Westmoreland county, was founded in America by Andrew Harman, great-grandfather of John A. Harman, who immigrated from Germany in 1767, and settled in that part of Donegal township known as Four Mile Run, which at that early date was practically an unbroken wilderness. Being the first white settler in that region he and his family were completely isolated from their own race during their first year's residence there, and saw only the savage inhabitants of the forest, with whom they lived in comparative peace and tranquility for several years. Possessing the requisite amount of energy and perseverance, this sturdy German pioneer succeeded in clearing off a good farm, which he cultivated with prosperous results for the remainder of his active career. As a member of the Lutheran church he was actively identified with the establishment and early development of that faith in Westmoreland county, and in this particular sphere of usefulness his descendants followed in his footsteps, many of them having participated actively in organizing religious and educational institutions.

Andrew Harman, grandfather of John A. Harman, was born at the home-

stead in Donegal about the year 1768. At the age of fourteen years he was seized by the Indians and held in captivity for a period of six years, at the expiration of which time he was sold to the British, from whom he made his escape and returned to his home. Adopting the occupation of a farmer, he continued to reside in his native township until about the year 1830, when he removed his family of seven children to Indiana county, and his death occurred in Mahoning township, same county, in 1838. He took an active part in religious affairs and was a charter member of the first Lutheran church (Mount Zion) organized in Donegal. The maiden name of his wife was Catherine Sondles, and they were married about the year 1790.

Andrew A. Harman, father of John A. Harman, was born at the family homestead in Donegal, April 5, 1805. He was educated in the district school of his neighborhood, and after the conclusion of his studies learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for some years. Relinquishing that calling he turned his attention to farming on the old Shaffer homestead at Four Mile Run, and resided there for the remainder of his life. In politics he acted with the Democratic party, and participated in local public affairs to some extent, holding the office of school director. His religious affiliations were with the Lutherans and he was an elder of that church. He married, October 25, 1825, Mary M. Shaffer, born at Four Mile Run, July 7, 1809, of German parentage. Her father was Jacob Shaffer, who settled upon the farm situated some four miles northwest of Donegal, where his son-in-law, Andrew A. Harman, afterwards resided. Andrew A. and Mary A. Harman were the parents of twelve children.

John A. Harman was born at the Shaffer homestead in Donegal township, January 5, 1832. His education was acquired in the public schools, and the early years of his life were spent at home assisting his father in carrying on the farm. As second sergeant of Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, he went to the front October 16, 1862, for service in the Civil war, and was honorably discharged July 25, 1863. On March 31, 1865, he re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out as a second corporal of his company at Newberne, North Carolina, June 25, 1865. Upon his return from the army he resumed farming at County Line and Jacob's Creek in Mount Pleasant township, from whence he removed in April, 1867, to a farm in the vicinity of Stahlstown, Donegal township, and has resided there ever since. For many years he has devoted much of his time to veterinary surgery, in which he has attained much success, and his professional reputation extends far beyond the limits of his own locality. Mr. Harman has acquired prosperity as both farmer and veterinary surgeon, and his earnest endeavors, professionally and otherwise, to make himself useful are sincerely appreciated throughout the broad area of his particular field of operation. As a citizen of unquestionable integrity he has acquired a far-reaching influence in all matters relative to the political, moral and religious welfare of the community, and his activities in its behalf proved exceedingly beneficial. He has held the offices of justice of the peace, assessor, tax collector, school director and judge of elections, and has performed the duties of each of these important positions with marked ability. Politically he acts with the Democratic party. His religious services have been rendered chiefly in behalf of the church of his ancestors. He has occupied various positions of prominence and trust, including those of deacon, elder and trustee, and his labors as a member of the building committee which superintended the erection of the present Lutheran church edifice in his locality were especially valuable. He in one of

the most prominent members of Post 596, Grand Army of the Republic, of Stahlstown, having served as its commander and vice-commander.

Mr. Harman married, August 31, 1854, Phoebe Louisa Roadman, a native of Mount Pleasant township, daughter of John and Peggy (McLain) Roadman, who were prosperous farming people of that township. Of this union were born twelve children, namely: William Andrew, born July 22, 1855; Mary Elizabeth, born January 27, 1857; James, a twin of Mary Elizabeth, died aged four months; Samuel M., born September 17, 1858; Sarah Malinda, born July 24, 1860; Julia A., born November 8, 1862; Catherine P., deceased, born December 22, 1864; Calvin, born February 12, 1867; Nettie, born June 22, 1869; Auradila, born October 21, 1871; Flora E., born November 1, 1874: an infant who only lived a few hours. Of these seven were born in Mount Pleasant township, and the others were born near Stahlstown.

William Andrew, who was educated for a teacher, now resides in Altoona, Pennsylvania, and is a travelling salesman. In 1877 he changed his religious faith, going from the Lutheran church to that of the United Brethren, and in 1883 became a charter member of the first United Brethren congregation established in Westmoreland county. He participated actively in propagating that denomination in this part of the state, and in 1884 assisted in erecting its first house of worship near Jones Mills, this county. On October 16, 1886, he was ordained to the ministry. His first wife, whom he married September 12, 1875, was Emma C. Horner. She died and he married (second), February 16, 1892, Ella B. Kuhns. Mary Elizabeth married, October 13, 1877, Charles C. Hunter, a cabinet-maker by trade, and now a merchant in Pittsburg, this state. Samuel M., who is now following the carpenter's trade in connection with farming at Derry Station, Pennsylvania, married, October 2, 1884, Rebecca Hunter. Sarah Malinda married George Hellin, a carpenter of Scottsdale, this state, December 29, 1880. Julia A., wife of William A. Hunter, of Mount Pleasant. They were married August 15, 1880. Calvin married Allie Bell, August 13, 1888, and is now following the occupation of a carpenter at Summit Mines, this state. Nettie is now residing at Jones Mills, and is the wife of David Burnhart, whom she married December 25, 1892. Auradila married, November 16, 1899, Walter A. Robb, a farmer of Florence, Pennsylvania. Flora E. married, June 17, 1897, H. Freeman Piper, who is engaged in farming at Stahlstown.

JOSEPH H. McMULLEN. George H. McMullen, father of Joseph H. McMullen, of Vandergrift, was born December 18, 1829, near Murrsville, Westmoreland county, where he was reared on a farm. As a young man he went to Armstrong county and there worked at his trade, that of a carpenter and millwright. About 1870 he abandoned his trade and purchased a farm in Armstrong county, on which, however, he remained but a short time and then moved to another farm near Marysville, Allegheny county. There also his stay was a brief one, and after other removals he finally settled in 1880, in Apollo, Armstrong county, where he has since resided and where he has ever since been engaged in the mercantile business. For many years he has been overseer of the poor of Armstrong county. He is a Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. McMullen married Salome King, and the following are the six surviving children of their family of eight: Henry D., in business near Pittsburg; Joseph H., mentioned hereinafter; Philip S., civil engineer of Glassport, Pennsylvania; Catharine, wife of James T. Kluge, of Apollo; Margaret M., wife of Thomas James, of East Brady, Pennsylvania; and Eliza, teacher in Vandergrift schools.

Joseph H. McMullen, son of George H. and Salome (King) McMullen.



was born April 17, 1859, in Armstrong county, and received his education in the public schools and at a private school in Delmont presided over by Professors E. H. Baer and I. E. Lawfer. After completing his course of study he taught for one term, and in 1883 engaged in the farm implement business in Washington, Pennsylvania. His first year was a record breaker, inasmuch as, during that period, he placed one hundred and two champion binders in one county. At the end of the year he took a trip through the southwest, visiting Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana and other states. He then returned to Apollo, where he was for a time ticket, freight and express agent and afterward went on the road in the passenger service. Later he was transferred to the ticket office in Allegheny, spending in all some six years in the railroad business. Finding advancement too slow he resigned and settled in Apollo, where for two years he was a general contractor. He then went to work in the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company, beginning as matcher and thence working his way up to the position of sheet heater, heating the first sheets ever turned out of the Vandergrift mills. In June, 1903, by the advice of his physician, he resigned, to the regret of the management of the mills, by whom he was told that his position was open to him should he at any future time care to return. Soon after his resignation he opened a shoe store in Vandergrift, which he conducted for one year and three months, when he sold the business and retired from active life. In September, 1904, he was made district organizer of the American Insurance Union. In November, 1905, he organized the Vandergrift News Company, which publishes the leading weekly paper in the Kiskiminetas valley known as the *Vandergrift News*. Mr. McMullen purchased in July, 1896, one of the first lots sold in Vandergrift, and by December 5 was occupying the house which he had built thereon, that being the first residence occupied in the borough. He was the first president of an organization for the regulation of the building of houses. He subsequently sold his residence for six thousand dollars, and in 1901 built a business block on the corner of Washington and Columbia streets, which he recently sold. He is the owner of a residence property on Franklin avenue and also of his home property, which is situated on Custer avenue. He belongs to the K. P., the W. W., and the K. M. His political affiliations are with the Republicans, and he has served some six years as county committeeman. He is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church. Mr. McMullen married in 1891, Maggie May Stamets, of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, two children: Trixy, deceased; and Joseph Thomas.

THE FUNK FAMILY came to America from Germany, near the Black Forest, in Baden, in the year 1686. The first ancestor was a minister of the Mennonite church, and came over with a colony of men and women of that faith. They settled in Germantown, Pennsylvania, and established the first regular Mennonite church in the United States.

The Godshalk family came originally from Holland. They were of the persecuted and Baptist sect and fled from their native land to America about the year 1800, settling in New Jersey. They were farmers generally, but in some branch of the family there has always been a minister of the Mennonite church. Catherine's (mother of William G. Funk) branch of the family left Middlesex county, New Jersey, about 1820 and settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, near Doylestown, where she was born in 1827. She was twice married. Her first husband was John Johnson whom she married in 1854. Two daughters were born of this union. John Johnson died in 1859. She remained a widow for several years when she married Samuel Funk. Their children

were: William G.; Sarah, now Mrs. J. Harper, of Glenside, Pa., and Amy, now Mrs. Howard Anderson, of Riverside, N. J. Mrs. Funk is still living, and resides in Chalfonte, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Mennonite church as was also Mr. Funk, her husband.

WILLIAM G. FUNK, pastor of Unity church, Beatty, Westmoreland county, the oldest church in that county, is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Godshalk) Funk, and a descendant of a family who has long resided in the state of Pennsylvania, living on a farm in Montgomery county, which is still in the possession of the Funk family, the deeds for which were granted by the descendants of William Penn in 1702. Samuel Funk (father) was born in Montgomery county, followed farming throughout the active years of his career, and died in 1877, aged seventy-two years.

William G. Funk was born in New Britain township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1865. He pursued his studies in Lafayette College, from which institution he was graduated, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1892, and Master of Arts in 1895. Later he entered Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating from that institution in 1895. He filled pastorates in Duryea, Lackawanna and Taylor, remaining in Lackawanna six and a half years, and at the expiration of this period of time he removed to Beatty and assumed charge of Unity church, in which capacity he is now serving. He is a man of sound doctrinal views and an earnest and convincing speaker. Since 1902 he has resided on a farm of sixty acres, which he has cultivated to a high state of perfection, and which is therefore very productive. He married Anna Kerr, who was born in Chesterfield, Burlington county, New Jersey, April, 1867, a daughter of Burroughs and Anna (Rulon) Kerr. She bore him one child, William K., born November 30, 1898. Mrs. Funk died in 1899.

MICHAEL C. WEIS, a venerable and esteemed citizen of Latrobe, Westmoreland county, was born September 11, 1830, in Zweiflingen, Germany.

He attended the common schools of his native land, and the knowledge thus obtained prepared him for a life of usefulness and activity. In the spring of 1852 he decided to come to America. He remained in New York for a short time, and finally located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where for three years he was employed in a wholesale business house. In 1855 he located in Latrobe, Westmoreland county, and was employed in the construction of the first tunnel on the Pennsylvania railroad east of Latrobe. Observing the fertility of the soil of Westmoreland county, which was principally underlaid with coal, he resolved to take up farming. By industry and thrift, for which all Germans are noted, he soon became sole owner of two of the finest farms in Westmoreland county. These farms are located one mile north of Latrobe, having thereon dwellings with all modern improvements. His widow and five children occupy the homestead at the present time. Michael Weis married in the summer of 1855, Rosina Elizabeth Kaiser, of Züttlingen, Germany, her family having immigrated from Germany in 1853. Their children were: Karl C., Rosina E., Frederick C., Christopher C., Amanda M., Caroline C., Michael W., Katharine M., Frank L., Anna L., Lewis W., seven of whom are living and four dead. The oldest daughter, Rosina, in the spring of 1886, embarked in the millinery business in the town of Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Three daughters at the present time carry on business at the Weis Seiler millinery establishment, which has been one of the most prominent business stands in





*H. J. Howard.*

the town for twenty years. The sons continue farming and have established a hennery on one of the farms. Mr. Weis died in the spring of 1886, and is buried in Lutheran cemetery, Youngstown, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM J. HOWARD, of New Kensington, is the grandson of Patrick Howard, who was born in Ireland, whence he came with his wife to the United States, settling in New York city, where he lived many years, being engaged in business as a contractor, especially for railroad companies. In the latter part of his life he moved to Pittsburg, where he died. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Patrick, see forward; John, deceased; Mary; and Annie.

Patrick Howard, son of Patrick Howard, the emigrant, was born in Ireland and was an infant when brought by his parents to the United States. Upon attaining his majority he went into business for himself as a shipper of ore and clay from Sligo. After some years he purchased a farm near Sligo and devoted himself to agriculture in which he was very successful, becoming the owner of three farms. The latter years of his life were spent in retirement at Clarion. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church. He married Annie Gagan, and the following children were born to them: Mary, wife of A. H. Siward; John E., farmer; Annie, wife of George Ecker; M. J., farmer on the homestead; T. P., clothier in McKeesport; William J., see forward; Catharine M., deceased; Winnie; and Daniel M., butcher in Clarion. Mr. Howard, the father, died in 1892.

William J. Howard, son of Patrick and Annie (Gagan) Howard, was born January 23, 1874, in Sligo, Pennsylvania, receiving his education in the common schools of that place and at the Clarion State Normal School. At eighteen years of age he entered the service of J. C. Campbell & Company, druggists, where he remained four years. He then went into the hotel business at Rennersburg where for four years he was proprietor of the City Hotel. After spending two years in retirement at New Bethlehem he moved, in May, 1902, to New Kensington, where he purchased what was then known as the Merchants' Hotel. This building he has since enlarged about one-half, changing the name to the Hotel Howard, and now has one of the finest hostleries in the town. He affiliates with Lodge No. 512, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of New Kensington, and in politics is a staunch Democrat. On February 20, 1906, he was elected member of the council of New Kensington, by a majority of 165. The town is strongly Republican and he is a Democrat. His election is a fair index of his popularity and high standing in the community. He married Catharine M. Collins, of New Bethlehem.

MRS. HARRIET SLOAN McCONNELL, a member of a distinguished family in Pennsylvania, whose ancestors were among the pioneer settlers of Westmoreland county, was born in Salem township, September 17, 1827, the daughter of John Steel and Jane (Christie) Sloan. The Sloan and Christie families were both Scotch-Irish pioneer settlers in Westmoreland county. The Sloans removed from Lancaster to Westmoreland county in a very early day of its settling.

John Steel Sloan was born July 26, 1803, the son of John and Elizabeth (Steel) Sloan. He married, October 1, 1822, Jane Christie, born December 15, 1805, daughter of James and Mary (McCall) Christie, and who died November 22, 1898. Their children were: Harriet, mentioned hereafter; Robert E., born August 9, 1836; John T., July 28, 1839; and William C., May 25, 1843.

Harriet Sloan married, October 31, 1844, David Kirkpatrick McConnell, born in 1819, died December, 1900. (Mention of Mr. McConnell's family history is made in the sketch of Judge Alexander D. McConnell). Their children were: James G., born August 23, 1845; John S., May 2, 1847; Alexander Daniel, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Sarah A., born January 30, 1852; Harriet M., May 28, 1854; Mary E., March 20, 1858; Hannah Kate, November 15, 1861; Ellsworth D., June 19, 1864; and Robert S., December 8, 1866. Of these children all are living except John S., who gave his life for another. On March 7, 1880, he saw a workman on the track of the Denver & Rio Grande railway menaced by a rapidly approaching train and ran to his rescue. This he accomplished, but only after his own foot was caught and crushed. There was no surgeon nearer than Denver, many miles away, and he was taken there, suffering the most intense pain. The foot was amputated, but blood poisoning ensued, which caused his death about three months after the accident.

Mrs. McConnell's living descendants are eight children, twenty-five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. McConnell is an amiable, hospital woman, and is beloved by all who know her. She lives upon the McConnell homestead where she came a bride sixty-two years ago. Her marriage was performed by Rev. Dr. Samuel McFaren, pastor at Congruity for forty-two years, who also baptized her.

JOHN J. KLINE, a prominent and prosperous merchant of Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and postmaster of the town for many years, is one of its most valued citizens, having done much to further its welfare. He was a grandson of John Kline.

Jacob Kline, son of John Kline, and father of John J. Kline, was at one time proprietor of the Westmoreland House in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and died in the early spring of 1884, at the age of seventy-one years, on the Brush Creek farm, and is buried in the Brush Creek cemetery. He married Caroline Rugh, daughter of Jacob Rugh, at one time owning and living on a farm below southwest Greensburg, on what was known as the Rugh farm. Mrs. Kline died November 5, 1854, leaving an infant child—John J.—and was buried in the old German graveyard.

John J. Kline, son of Jacob and Caroline (Rugh) Kline, was born in the Westmoreland House, which building is still standing in Greensburg, opposite the New Fisher House. He was reared on a farm, obtained his education in the public schools of the township, and completed a commercial course at the Indiana Normal school. He then followed various occupations for a number of years, and finally decided upon the mercantile business as being suited to his tastes and established himself in Adamsburg, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1884, in what was known as the James Gregg property, and here he is still (1906) conducting a flourishing business. His business methods are practical and systematic, and he has the happy faculty of retaining custom which he has once acquired. He is enterprising and progressive, and has held a number of positions of public trust and responsibility. He has twice been elected to the office of justice of the peace, and has served as postmaster of Adamsburg for sixteen years. Upon his first appointment as postmaster, in 1884, there were but three mails received weekly. Later, through the untiring efforts of Mr. Kline, Adamsburg was accorded a daily mail. When he was reappointed, he again appealed to the department at Washington, and by continued effort in this direction succeeded in having Adamsburg supplied with two mails daily. He has also been treasurer of the borough of Adams-

burg for about twelve years. He married, October 19, 1879, Martha Griffin, born near Kecksburg, Westmoreland county Pennsylvania, and they had fourteen children, eleven of whom are now living. Two daughters and one son are now married, and he has two grandchildren.

JAMES MOORE LAIRD was born in Murrys ville, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1837. The founder of the Laird clan in the United States was John Laird, who came to this country from the county of Donegal, in the province of Ulster, Ireland, late in the eighteenth century. The family was Scotch in its origin, as the name implies, having gone over from Scotland with many others in the reign of James I. Upon the tombstone of this John Laird (dated 1766, at Marsh creek, in Adams county, Pennsylvania), there still exists, in fine preservation, the carving of a curious coat of arms bearing as a device upon the shield, the severed limbs and the spouting blood which was undoubtedly intended to be a memento to coming generations of the terrible time in old Scotland where men gave their lives for opinion's sake. We quote from a history of the family written by Dr. John Milton Duff, of Pittsburg: "In what appears to us of the present, the misty past, the Laird family lived in Lanarkshire, Scotland. For some reason they looked across the channel to the green fields of Donegal county, Ireland, with favor, and at an early date were enticed to the Emerald Isle, where they lived and prospered. Late in the eighteenth century one of the clan, John by name, determined to leave home and friends to seek fame and fortune across the Atlantic. After a tempestuous voyage he landed on the American shores. He immediately started inland in search of a home. He crossed over the broad and rocky Susquehanna in that beautiful and picturesque Cumberland valley, now so famous in our country's history, and there, in Adams county, Pennsylvania, under the shade of the rock-ribbed Allegheny mountains, he selected a farm upon which he lived and died. His youngest son William inherited this farm which was situated on Marsh creek. He was a man of strong religious tendencies and was an elder in the Presbyterian church. Soon after William and his young wife took charge of the farm on March 23, 1768, they became the happy parents of a boy babe which was named Francis. At a very early age this boy showed signs of more than ordinary intellect. Fortunately his capacity for mental work was supplemented by an earnest craving for knowledge. His father, as best he could, seconded his efforts, and in due course of time he entered Dickinson College, from which he graduated in 1794 with honors. At his graduation he was complimented through the Philadelphia newspapers by the celebrated James Ross, the well-known author of a Latin grammar, as the best scholar in his class. Among his classmates were John Kennedy, subsequently justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, and Roger B. Taney, author of the Dred Scott decision. After graduating, in company with Mathias Brown, afterwards president of Jefferson College, he studied theology for three years. At the end of this time, in 1797, he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Carlisle. He then turned his steps westward and after itinerating for some time as a supply, received a call from the churches of Poke Run and Plum Creek, and was installed as pastor of those combined congregations October 22, 1800. He went into the field, giving up his days to unrelenting toil, but the enthusiasm of youth lent romance to the drudgeries of his work. At this time, over in Salem township, lived John Moore, who was a member of the convention which founded the constitution of 1776, and who was subsequently president judge of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, when that county embraced nearly all of the southwestern portion of the state.

He was also the first state senator from Westmoreland county. He died in 1811 and is buried at Congruity. A man of vigorous intellect and broad experience, as well as a ripe scholar, he became a trusted friend of the young pastor who frequently visited his home. It happened, however, that the judge had a most beautiful and accomplished daughter, Mary, in whom the young man soon became interested and subsequently married. He soon afterwards bought the farm at Sardis on which the "Laird mansion," so well known to all residents of Westmoreland county, is located. He served Poke Run and Plum Creek as pastor for thirty-one years. He then became pastor of the Presbyterian church at Murrysville, where he served for nineteen years. He died April 6, 1854, and was buried in the cemetery at Murrysville. Rev. Dr. Francis Laird excelled as a mathematician and linguist; nevertheless, he was well versed in all the learning of the age in which he lived, and exerted wide educating and christianizing influences. As a pulpit orator he was very logical, his manner was unique, and his intonations rhythmical. The moulding influence he had in the community will live long; children and children's children's children have been taught to pronounce his name with respect and reverence. Laird church (on the site of the old Plum Creek church) and the Laird Institute at Murrysville, have been dedicated as monuments to his memory. He and his wife Mary had nine children, eight of whom lived to maturity: John M., William, Robert, Francis, Harrison Perry, Jane, Eliza and Mary.

John Moore Laird was born at Locust Dale, now Sardis, Westmoreland county, in 1802. During his early life he attended the schools of his neighborhood, and was in addition tutored by his father, Rev. Francis Laird. Although he did not manifest a fondness for farm work during his boyhood as occasions required, he assisted on the farm. He learned the printing trade with Judge John M. Snowden, of Pittsburg, who was editor of the "Mercury." After completing his apprenticeship he removed to Steubenville, Ohio, where for a time he edited a paper. Here he married a most estimable lady in the person of Ellen May Morton. The fruits of this marriage was a daughter, Ellen Mary. Soon after the birth of their child the angel of death entered the home and claimed as his victim the beautiful, accomplished and loving wife and mother. The death of his wife was a severe stroke to him. To make matters worse he was attacked with malaria and, broken in body and spirit, he sold out his interests in Steubenville and returned to his native county. In time his health improved, and feeling that he must be active, lest, as he put it, he "might rust out," he began to look about for something to do. Congruity, midway between New Alexandria and New Salem, was then a prominent point on the old northern turnpike, and he selected this village as his place of abode and opened a general store. In this venture commercially, he was only partly successful; but as subsequent events proved, his location there was one of the most fortunate circumstances of his life. Here he married Rebecca Moore, daughter of James Moore, Esq., a prominent farmer of that vicinity, and who was strictly speaking, a helpmate to him, and a true noble and good woman. She died July 5, 1875, and was buried in St. Clair cemetery, Greensburg. After his second marriage, with the hope of greater business prosperity, he bought the store of Mr. David Rankin, Murrysville. One who knew Rev. Francis Laird well, in writing of him said: "In selling the products of his farm he always heaped the half bushel." John M. Laird inherited the honesty of his father, and although he did a large business, he did not pile up profits as rapidly as many another would have done under like circumstances; he always "heaped the half bushel;" gave "down weight" and allowed a thumb's-breadth to the yardstick. He was, while living in Murrys-



ville, elected justice of the peace, and it is said that he was instrumental in bringing about an amicable settlement in the majority of cases brought before him, often times giving up his fees in order to harmonize the quarrelsome neighbors. He bought the "Pennsylvania Argus" in 1850 and removed to Greensburg where he lived until his death, January 25, 1887. As editor of the "Argus" he displayed a great amount of tact, talent and energy. An extensive reader, a keen observer, and close student of men and things, the products of his pen were forcible, clean cut and convincing—a man of strong convictions who was always ready to stand by his sentiments without fear of consequences. His genial nature and kind heart were best known to his intimates, but were transparent to others who knew him only as the stern, unswerving champion of the principles he advocated. As the exponent of Jeffersonian Democracy he was absolutely fearless, and many times the burning words came as from a pen of fire. Necessarily his political enemies were numerous; nevertheless, they admired his sterling manhood and acknowledged his honesty of purpose. He left behind him fragrant memories of his just and useful life and noble sacrifices. The "Argus" is an endearing monument of his lifework. Full of years he was borne tenderly to his last resting place beside his sainted wife on January 27, 1887. He held but one county office, that of register and recorder, to which he was elected in November, 1872, and served the full term of three years. He likewise, while a resident of Greensburg, held the office of justice of the peace for several terms. In religion, like his forefathers, he was a true and devoted disciple of Calvin, and lived and died in the Presbyterian faith. His second wife, Rebecca Moore Laird, was born in Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of James Moore.

In April, 1850, James Moore Laird came to Greensburg with his parents, brother and sister. His father, as heretofore stated, had purchased outright the good will and necessary appliances of the Pennsylvania "Argus" from Messrs. Turney and Hacke (in which paper he was one of the principal stockholders) on January 1, 1850. James Moore Laird and his brother, F. V. B. Laird, became infatuated with the printer's art and thoroughly mastered that profession in all its branches and details—in that day a very simple acquirement. However, the brothers kept pace with the progress of improvement, and are regarded as amongst the most skilled of the followers of the "art preservative." William, the youngest of the trio, also became a skilled compositor when of sufficient age, but died November 22, 1876.

James Moore Laird and Francis Van Buren Laird, because of their infatuation for the printing business; spent their whole lives, beginning as printers' "devils," in the atmosphere and amid the, to them, allurements of the printing office. They attended school at Murrysville until the ages, respectively, of thirteen and ten years, when their father removed to Greensburg. Both attended the common schools there, working in the printing office mornings and evenings. Later James Moore Laird attended school in which the higher branches were taught. After that he essayed the study of law under the tutelage of his uncle, Senator Harrison Perry Laird. He was then about eighteen years of age, a time in one's life when that particular study possessed but little fascination. Finding he could not buckle down to the tasks assigned him by his preceptor, a man of stern and exacting disposition, he abandoned further attempt in this direction, which he always afterward regretted, and devoted thereafter his whole attention to acquiring a thorough knowledge of the printing business. Later he became foreman of his father's office, and was afterwards "promoted" to the position of local editor. In his father's declining years much of the editorial work also devolved upon him, and at his

father's death, January 25, 1887, he assumed charge of both the local and editorial work. It is for the future historian to say, however, whether or not he made a success of either. His brother, F. V. B. Laird, looked after and successfully managed the business affairs of the office (besides assisting in the composing and job printing department) and also as proof reader and exchange editor of the "Argus." He organized and was elected the captain of Company I, of the Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania militia, on December 31, 1878, afterwards by legislative enactment raised to the distinction of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. He remained as its captain until October, 1882, when he was elected major of the regiment. In this capacity he served until John B. Keenan, his successor to the captaincy, retired from the service. His old command, finding itself without a competent leader, and no one being willing to accept the office, he resigned his commission as major and, following a unanimous election, again assumed command of his former company. This position he held until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war in April, 1898, when his regiment was ordered by Governor Hastings to report for active service at Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania, eighteen miles northeast of Harrisburg. So rigid and exacting were the requirements of the medical department, however, that he was rejected because of his age, although he then not only seemed to be, but really was, in the full vigor of manhood. To be thus turned down after having served faithfully for twenty years in the service of his state, in which time he twice saw active service in the great industrial riots of 1891 and 1892—Morewood and Homestead—was to him the greatest humiliation of his life. Undaunted by such treatment, Captain Laird appealed to General Alger, then secretary of war, to have the decision of the medical department annulled, and through the kind offices of Representative Robbins, a member of congress from his district, his request was complied with. Soon thereafter, General Alger authorized Governor Hastings to commission him captain of the first military company to be organized for active service in the state. It so happened that the Third Battalion of the Sixteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, was then being recruited. One company (M) was already partially recruited at Jeannette, and he was by Governor Hastings promptly commissioned and assigned as its commander. Completing the organization of Company M, he was ordered to report with his new command at historic Chickamauga Park, Georgia, and on July 18, 1898, he departed for that place with one hundred and six men, the full war complement. Here he began training his men in the rudiments of warfare. The First and Second Battalions of the Sixteenth Regiment had rendezvoused at Charleston, South Carolina, and while the Third Battalion was being recruited, these two battalions received orders to sail for Porto Rico. His battalion was on July 27 ordered to Newport News, Virginia, arriving there July 28. It remained there until August 17, when it was ordered to Middletown, near Harrisburg. The Third Battalion was ordered on September 13, to join the First and Second Battalions in Porto Rico, and on September 14 it sailed on the transport "Obdam" from Brooklyn, New York, for that island, arriving at San Juan on September 21, after a tempestuous voyage. The Spanish forces in the forts at San Juan, having ignored the protocol between the United States and Spain, the ship was forbidden to land. The captain of the vessel then changed its course, and on the following day the harbor of Ponce was entered. The troops disembarked without opposition on Sunday, September 25, the city being then under the authority of the United States with General Miles in command. The Second and Third Battalions, decimated by death from disease and casualties in battle, were ordered on October 11 to join the First Battalion at Ponce,

and on that night the entire Sixteenth Regiment sailed for the United States on the steamer "Minnewaska," landing at Jersey City October 18. Two months later the regiment was mustered out of service. Upon the return of the Tenth Regiment from the Philippines, Captain Laird was restored to his former position as captain of Company I, and ordered to reorganize the company for service in the national guard, which he did. His commission having expired in July, 1900, he declined a re-election, after almost twenty-two years of continuous service.

Captain Laird's first military experience was during the civil war. When the state was threatened with invasion by the Confederate army in June, 1863, he enlisted in Company C, Fifty-fourth Regiment, uniformed militia, and was appointed to the position of what was then known as orderly sergeant. With his company he was sworn into the United States service in camp near Wilkinsburg. Because, however, of a threatened invasion from another quarter by General John Morgan, known as Guerrilla Morgan, the Fifty-fourth was held in camp for that emergency instead of being hurried forward to participate in the battle of Gettysburg. With other state troops the Fifty-fourth checked the progress of the guerrilla chieftain, and his command near Salineville, Ohio, on Sunday, July 16. He then changed his course, only to encounter Shackleford's Michigan cavalry which, after a sharp engagement, compelled the surrender of the entire outfit. The regiment then returned to its camp, and all immediate danger having passed, it was mustered out of service as an organization.

Mr. Laird then resumed his place in the office of the "Argus," where he remained until April, 1864, when he entered the job office of William G. Johnston & Company, Pittsburg, the better to qualify himself for that branch of his business. He accepted a position in the recorder's office at Wirt court house, West Virginia, in February, 1865, which position he held for several months, when the bottom fell out of the oil business and he returned to Pennsylvania. While at Wirt court house, the town was captured by a band of guerrillas under command of a Confederate lieutenant by the name of Pomeroy. All the county officials, himself among them, were taken prisoners and confined in a hotel. He and David Flemming, an attorney, were threatened with death, the former because of his having instructed a company of home guards in military tactics, and the latter for having, as Pomeroy alleged, given the inhabitants of the town warning of the presence of the Confederates whom he met while up in the mountains leasing oil territory, and of which fact they had sworn him to secrecy. Mr. Flemming proved his innocence of the accusation, and upon the intervention of some Confederate sympathizers, both he and Laird were released under parole, having first been robbed of what money and valuables they had in their possession.

Mr. Laird returned to Pittsburg early in April, 1865, whence he brought back to Wirt court house as his bride, Sarah Boyd Fullwood, a former resident of Greensburg. The oil excitement having subsided, as above stated, Mr. and Mrs. Laird, during the summer of 1865, returned to Greensburg, where the former again resumed his position in the office of the "Argus." Mr. Laird is one of the old school Democrats but never held any public office other than that of a military character. He is connected with the Presbyterian church, having been reared in that belief by his parents. He was married in Pittsburg, April 13, 1865, by Rev. Dr. Joseph Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Greensburg. His wife's maiden name was Sarah Boyd Fullwood. She was born October 5, 1836, and was a graduate of the Greensburg Female Seminary, then under the direction of Rev. William D. Moore, later one of the lead-

ing attorneys of the Allegheny county bar. Her parents were David and Mrs. Eliza Fullwood. The former died in 1852.

Mr. Fullwood held the offices of sheriff and prothonotary of Westmoreland county. Bayard Taylor, the author and writer, was a distant relative of Mrs. Laird. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Laird are: John Francis Laird, born in Greensburg, December 18, 1867; and Margaret Fullwood Laird, born in Greensburg, October 9, 1866. John Francis Laird is engaged in the mercantile business at Charleroi, Pennsylvania, where he is one of the leading and progressive citizens of the town. He married, April 18, 1899, Nannie Minor, of Barberton, Ohio. Margaret Fullwood Laird was married to William J. Coshey, of Greensburg, in October, 1886. Two children were born to them: Sarah and Louise.

FRANCIS VAN BUREN LAIRD was born in Murrys ville, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1840. (See preceding sketch.) His limited education was received in a country school at Murrys ville. He removed in 1850 with his parents to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where he entered his father's printing office, remaining there until the present time, with the exception of a temporary absence in the early sixties, when he took charge of the "Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Monitor," a paper started by a stock company at that place. His eyesight failing, he was obliged to quit the printing business for several years, joining an engineer corps engaged on the survey of the Pan Handle railroad, near Pittsburg. He was afterwards engaged on the surveys of the West Penn and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads, respectively. His eyesight having somewhat improved he again entered his father's printing office, where he remained until his father's death, who, in association with his brother, James M., they succeeded in the publication of the "Argus." F. V. B. Laird was elected to council on the Democratic ticket in Greensburg in 1876. Twenty years later, in March, 1896, he was returned to council from the Third ward, Greensburg, where he honorably served his constituents until March 1903. During most of this time he was chairman of the police committee and brought the force up to a remarkable degree of efficiency, oftentimes sacrificing time and business to personal direction of his officers. He was unanimously elected president of council in 1898. He ruled the body with grave deliberation, and some of his rulings were and are yet frequently referred to. He upheld the dignity of his office with becoming grace, and declined a re-election, insisting that his fellow members were entitled to the honor. To the rigid discipline he enforced among the town's guardians, while chairman of the police committee, together with an almost constant surveillance of their every act, is largely due the efficiency of the present police department. He is not a member of the church, but attends regularly the Sabbath services in the Presbyterian church. He is a most positive man and is possessed of rare moral courage; conscientious to a degree, and firm and unalterable in his convictions. During President Johnston's administration he was appointed deputy United States marshal.

He was married to Hetty D. Welty, daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann Drum Welty, April 19, 1871. Mrs. Laird's father was a prominent merchant in the "fifties" and was postmaster in Greensburg during President Johnson's administration. She is a niece of General Richard C. Drum, adjutant general United States army, retired, who was elevated to that exalted position from a private in the Mexican war. The Weltys and Drums were amongst the first settlers in Greensburg. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Laird, one of whom died in infancy.

Richard Drum Laird, son of F. V. B. Laird, was born in Greensburg, June 30, 1872. He was educated in the public schools of Greensburg and at Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, where he graduated. He inherited the military spirit from both his father's and mother's side of the house. He went to the Philippines during the war with Spain as first lieutenant of Company I, Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, the only Pennsylvania regiment that saw service in that war. He was wounded at the battle of Malate during the first engagement with the Spaniards. On the return of his regiment to the United States and the reorganization of the command, he was elected captain of Company I. At the breaking out of the Spanish war he was a law student and ready to be admitted to the bar. At a special session of court he was admitted to the practice of law before going to the Philippines. While on the ocean, returning to the states, he was appointed and commissioned a lieutenant in the regular army. The commission was awaiting him on the arrival of the transport at San Francisco. However, at the earnest request of his parents, he declined the honor and at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession. He married, November 15, 1904, Clara Dalby, of Greensburg.

Mary Rebecca Laird, daughter of F. V. B. Laird, was born in Greensburg, February 18, 1874. She was educated in the Greensburg public schools and the Greensburg Seminary, and married, October 24, 1900, Frank W. Highberger, a confidential clerk in the offices of the Carnegie Steel Company. Soon after their marriage Mr. Highberger was appointed representative general of the Carnegie, or United States Steel corporation, in the city of Mexico, where they resided for two years. At the solicitation of his wife Mr. Highberger resigned that position and returned to Pittsburg in the employ of the same company. Mrs. Highberger was one of the founders of the Phoebe Bayard chapter, D. A. R., of Greensburg.

JOHANN MARTIN KECK, a merchant and business man of prominence of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and the founder of the town of Kecksburg, is a native of Germany, born January 7, 1836.

The founder of the Keck family in Germany was Jacob Keck, who was of Bohemian-German extraction, and served for many years in the German army. He was born September 16, 1575. On August 9, 1608, Kaiser Rudolph conferred on Jacob Keck a coat of arms for his bravery as lieutenant-colonel of his army at Pragg, Bohemia. Jacob Keck's family consisted of four children, one named Christopher, born in 1615. One of his children, named Christopher, was born in 1655. He located at Leiduerig, Germany, in the northeast part of the black forest. He had one son Martin, born in 1698. Martin Keck had a family of three children, one named Christopher, born August 15, 1738, and one of his family, Johann Adam Keck, was born in 1779. One of his family named Christian was born October 28, 1806, in Wittenberg, Germany. He was the father of the Keck family of which Johann Martin Keck was a member. Christian Keck followed agricultural pursuits in his country. In 1869 he emigrated from his fatherland, settling in Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Christian Keck was married in 1831 to Rosanna Schwartz, who was born April 28, 1809, daughter of Andrew Schwartz, a salt dealer and farmer. The following children were born to this union: Adam, deceased; Andrew, residing at Easton, Pennsylvania; Johann Martin, of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania, author of this sketch; Christian, of Hotel Albion, Ruffsedale, Pennsylvania; Anna, deceased; John, of Bradford, Pennsylvania; Frederick, deceased; Jacob, of Easton, Pennsyl-

vania; George, deceased; Leonard, merchant of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Johann Martin Keck obtained his educational training in the schools of his native country, and followed the occupation of weaver and farmer in Germany until 1857, when he came to Greensburg, Westmoreland county. He engaged in the manufacture of salt at Painterville a few years after his arrival here. For several years he mined coal and worked by day's labor, beginning at the bottom rung. He was occupied in the manufacture of salt for about eight years. He then removed to Ludwick, Pennsylvania, where he opened the Eagle Hotel, and was about a year engaged in the conduct of the same. His next removal was to Kecksburg, Mount Pleasant township. He purchased five acres of ground there and laid out the town. In 1866 he entered the general mercantile business, opening a store in a room eight by ten feet, and with but five thousand dollars' worth of goods. The business and holdings rapidly increased, however, and is now worth one hundred thousand dollars. The stock of goods now carried is thirty thousand dollars. His store is the largest and most complete in Mount Pleasant township, and contains almost every line. In 1868 he was appointed postmaster of the town, being the first man to occupy that position after the establishment of the office. He continued in this capacity for about twenty-six years. In connection with his other varied business interests he was one of the largest farmers in Mount Pleasant township. In 1903 he rented his farms and retired from that business, and for a few years he kept a dairy of about forty cows, shipping the milk daily to Pittsburgh. He has frequently sold from his farms one hundred and fifty hogs in one season. In church relations Mr. Keck is an active Lutheran.

Johann Martin Keck married, June 29, 1858, Christina Hunkei, and of this union no children were born. Mrs. Keck died in 1859. Mr. Keck married (second), December 11, 1860, Margaret Ann Overly, a daughter of George and Eliza Overly. To this union five children were born, three who died in infancy and William G. and H. Edward surviving, who are now associated with their father in business at Kecksburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Margaret Keck died November 6, 1900.

CHARLES T. WILLS. William Wills, grandfather of Charles T. Wills, of Parnassus, was a native of Ireland, whence he emigrated to the United States, settling on a tract of land in Indiana township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. On this farm he resided during the remainder of his life. He was a Whig and a member of the United Presbyterian church. His children were: William, McCrumm, Sarah, wife of John Boyd; Mary, wife of John Brown; Margaret, wife of John Hutchison; and Robert Hamilton, mentioned hereinafter.

Robert Hamilton Wills, son of William Wills, was born in 1817, in Allegheny county, and like his father always gave his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits. For some years he was an elder in the United Presbyterian church. His wife was Sarah L. Lefevre, and their children were: Cyrus, killed on the battlefield in 1861; Hiram, also died while in service in 1861; David, farmer in Westmoreland county; John, deceased; Joseph O., also deceased; Albert, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; was wife of John Young; Charles T., mentioned hereinafter; and Sarah B., widow of John Wachter. The death of the father of the family occurred in 1896.

Charles T. Wills, son of Robert Hamilton and Sarah L. (Lefevre) Wills, was born March 30, 1861, on the old homestead in Allegheny county, and received his education in the common schools. He remained at home on the farm until his twenty-fifth year, and then learned the carpenter's trade with





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Samuel Waltenbaugh, of Tarentum, Pennsylvania, with whom he remained three years. At the end of that time he went to Pittsburg, where he worked at his trade until 1892, when he moved to Parnassus and there engaged in carriage building and blacksmith's work in connection with dealing in farm implements. In 1895 he purchased the hardware and implement business of Aller & Barter, which he conducted for three years under the firm name of Baxter & Wills. He then reorganized the business and for four years it was conducted by the firm of Wills & Rowan. Since 1902 the style of the firm has been Charles T. Wills & Company, their business being the most extensive of its kind in the Allegheny valley. From 1891 to 1893 he served on the council of Parnassus, and for some years on the county committee, being a staunch Republican. He and his family are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Wills married Ella, daughter of David B. Carns, and five children have been born to them, two of whom died in infancy, the survivors being: Paul Wilson, Charles Eugene, and Robert Hamilton, all of whom are at home.

OSWALD HECKMANN. The parents of Oswald Heckmann, of New Kensington, were Herman and Elizabeth Heckmann, natives of Germany, where their son was born July 27, 1836. The boy grew to manhood in his native country, receiving his education in the common schools. In 1858 he emigrated to the United States, landing on July 4, and settled in Pittsburg, where until 1863 he was employed as a bartender. From that time until 1892 he was engaged in the saloon business for himself; he then moved to New Kensington, where he built the Hotel Heckmann, of which he has since been the successful proprietor, and which is now the oldest hotel in the town, as he is the oldest hotel manager. Since October 13, 1863, he has been a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, affiliating with Lodge No. 206, of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, having passed all chairs. For the last twenty years he has been a member of the State Great Council, and during four years was a representative in the Great Council of the United States.

Mr. Heckmann married, April 11, 1863, Catharina Steinheuser, a native of Germany, and the children born to them were: Anna Catharina, wife of Andrew J. Larkin; Louise, wife of Philip K. Mathews; Gustave, city plumber of Pittsburg, married Bessie Jones; Charles O., student at Eastman College; Lillie, at home; Kate, also at home; and four deceased.

WILLIAM B. SKELLY. One of the names most prominently connected with the coal industry of Westmoreland county is that of William B. Skelly, of Irwin. He is a great-grandson of William Skelly, who came from county Cavan, Ireland, about 1790, settling in Westmoreland county, near Stewartsville, Pennsylvania. Their vessel was seventeen weeks in making the passage, and one son, James, died and was buried at sea. Three sons arrived at maturity: William, see forward; John and Robert.

William Skelly, son of William Skelly, the emigrant ancestor, was born about 1784, and was therefore six years old when brought to this country. He served with credit in the war of 1812. Subsequently he became the proprietor of a hotel and also engaged in farming. He resided at Stewartsville, Irwin (then Tinker's Run), Jacksonville, Grapeville, and Adamsburg, where he died in 1867. He married Elizabeth Byerly, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Harmon) Byerly, and their children were: Mary, married Joseph Cort; John, Joseph, see forward; William, Andrew, Sarah, married Michael Sarver; Jane, married Captain George A. Cribbs; Elizabeth, married David Rankin; and Susanna, married (first) John Dry; married (second) A. L. Walker.

Joseph Skelly, son of William and Elizabeth (Byerly) Skelly, was born October 29, 1812, while his father was at the war. Up to the time of attaining his majority he engaged in farming, and then became a teamster, hauling freight on the Pittsburg and Philadelphia pike. For twenty years he followed this calling, and in 1854 retired to a farm near Adamsburg. Thence he moved to Larimer and finally to Stewartsville, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was an active Democrat, holding many and various township offices. Mr. Skelly married in 1848, Jane Boyd, daughter of James and Margaret (Kennedy) Boyd, of Somerset county, the family being of Virginia origin. Their children were: William B., see forward; Annie, born January 29, 1851, died at the age of fourteen; James P., born May 24, 1853, died when nineteen years of age; Joseph B., born April 15, 1855, died in infancy; Margaret J., born May 18, 1857, became the wife of Dr. M. F. Sowash, of Irwin, and died at the age of forty-two; Charles J., born August 14, 1859; Mary C., born May 23, 1861, died in infancy; Sarah, born March 14, 1864. The mother of these children died November 2, 1890, aged sixty-four, and the death of Mr. Skelly occurred December 2, 1889, aged seventy-seven years.

William B. Skelly, son of Joseph and Jane (Boyd) Skelly, was born February 13, 1849, in Somerset county, and the same year was brought by his parents to Youngstown, Westmoreland county. His education was obtained in the common schools of the various places in which the family lived. At a comparatively early age he abandoned farming and interested himself in coal mining, successfully filling many of the positions in and about the mines. In 1870 he associated himself with the Westmoreland Coal Company, remaining with them until 1878, when he went to Kansas, where for three years he conducted a cattle ranch. Prior to this he had been interested in real estate, particularly coal lands, and on his return to Pennsylvania made large purchases of coal lands for the Westmoreland Coal Company. In 1890 he went to Irwin, his present home. In 1900, having purchased for the company their lands at Export, he acquired property there in his own name and began mining independently, and in 1902 organized the W. B. Skelly Coal Company, which is now carrying on a flourishing business. In the conduct of his coal operations Mr. Skelly gives employment to a large number of men and distributes his output throughout the central states and Canada.

In his political affiliations Mr. Skelly is a staunch Democrat, and has wielded a strong influence in political circles. He is not a stickler along party lines, his patriotism taking precedence over every other feeling, and having the courage of his convictions casts his vote for the candidate who in his opinion is best qualified for office, irrespective of party affiliation. He has served as member of the borough council, filling the chair of president, and it was during his official term that many important improvements were made in Irwin, such as street paving, sewerage, &c. He is always ready and willing to further any movement tending to promote the welfare of the community. He is a man of broad and liberal views, a great reader and student of all the main issues of state and national importance, and his counsel is often sought and his opinions deferred to. Having a retentive memory he is often consulted on events of historical importance. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 511, of Greensburg.

Mr. Skelly married, October 26, 1897, Mrs. Elizabeth (Welty) Newmyer, of Greensburg, and a great-great-granddaughter of John Jacob Welty, who was born in 1720 and in 1757 married Christina Braff. John Jacob Welty and wife had six children; Ann Elizabeth, born 1758; John, born 1760, mar-

ried a Miss Weaver; Christina, born 1762; Henry, see forward; Frederick, born 1767; and Margaret, born 1770.

Henry Welty, son of John Jacob and Christina (Braff) Welty, was born November 4, 1764, in Northampton county, and in 1788 went to Westmoreland county. He married Catherine Steiner, and their children were: Jacob, born September 16, 1791, married Jane Brady; John, born March 22, 1793, married Rebecca Lose; Henry, born September 2, 1794, married (first) Elizabeth McKinney; (second) Nancy Herwick; (third) Hannah Brady; Lewis, see forward; Susan, born July 25, 1798, married John Kuhns; Samuel, born October 25, 1802, married Mary Lobengier; Elizabeth, born June 25, 1804, married John Klingensmith; and Daniel, born September 13, 1806, married Barbara Bierer.

Lewis Welty, son of Henry and Catherine (Steiner) Welty, was born July 24, 1796, married Susan Wanamaker, and their children were: Daniel, married Margaret Beatty; Henry K., see forward; Matilda, married Reuben Shrum; Jacob, married E. Baer; Susan, Maria, Samuel, John and William.

Henry K. Welty, son of Lewis and Susan (Wanamaker) Welty, married Maria Sarver, and they were the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth, married James L. Newmyer, and after his death became the wife of William B. Skelly, as mentioned above. Mrs. Skelly has in her possession a valuable heirloom in the shape of an old chest, of ancient workmanship and quaint design, apparently the property and probably the work of one "Hanrey Walty," and bearing in the midst of crude but lasting designs in color the date 1790. This was undoubtedly the work of Henry Welty, mentioned above as the son of John Jacob Welty, the founder of the family, and himself the progenitor of the Westmoreland county branch of the race.

GUY BELL FLYTE, one of the most prominent and influential men of Ligonier, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a man who has a variety of business interests, being a public accountant and auditor; real estate broker, general business man, and a present member of the house of representatives, traces his descent from a family which was among the pioneer settlers of the United States.

Guy B. Flyte is a grandson of Abraham and Catherine (Shaffer) Flyte, both born in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Abraham was a farmer of prominence and an ardent Democrat. He died in 1865, aged fifty-six. Catherine, his wife, died in 1889. Abraham Flyte and Catherine Shaffer were married in 1833, and they were the parents of five sons and four daughters: Sarah, Jacob C., George, Alfred, Peter, Nelson, Vesta, Fanny, and Elizabeth, the last named dying in infancy.

Jacob C. Flyte, eldest son of Abraham and Catherine (Shaffer) Flyte, was born in Hinsdale township, New York, January 20, 1837. All his early life was spent on a farm, and he received a good education for the time in the common schools of the district. At the age of twenty years he was apprenticed to a blacksmith, and after serving his apprenticeship, engaged in business for himself in Hinsdale, New York. Here he followed this calling until 1864, when he purchased a farm in the neighborhood, and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. In this he was successful, but in 1889 he gave it up in order to establish himself in business in Hinsdale, in the hardware line, which he continued for three years, and then retired from active business life. He married in 1858, Mary Ann Flagg, born February 14, 1837, in Farmersville, New York, daughter of William H. and Ann (Minor) Flagg. She was a second cousin of Franklin Pierce, president of the United States, and was of the

Vermont branch of the Minor family. Jacob C. and Mary Ann (Flagg) Flyte were the parents of children, as follows: 1. Anna K., born October 13, 1862, married (first) Jonas B. Conrad, and had one son—Harry G.—born September 11, 1886, was educated at the Hinsdale union free schools and Academy, where he graduated in June, 1905. He entered the employ of the Union Supply Company, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, and died November 26, 1905. Mr. Conrad died in 1887, and his widow married (second) Warren G. Bryant, of Ellicottville, New York. 2. William H., born 1866, died at the age of twenty years. 3. Guy Bell, see forward. 4. Florence L., born February 6, 1877. Mrs. Flyte died August 9, 1902; she was a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Flyte is a member of the F. and A. M., I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and in politics is a Republican.

Guy Bell Flyte, second son and third child of Jacob C. and Mary Ann (Flagg) Flyte, was born in Hinsdale, New York, May 20, 1873. He was educated in the Hinsdale union free schools and Academy, from which he graduated in 1891, having had the advantage of a good educational training. His first business venture was as clerk in a store, in 1891-92. He was then employed by the Exchange National Bank of Olean, New York, 1893-4, and was bank accountant for the Pennsylvania Tanning Company, of Sheffield, Warren county, Pennsylvania, from 1895 to 1898. In 1899 he removed to Ligonier, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, having accepted a position as auditor of the Byers-Allen Lumber Company, and the Pittsburgh, Westmoreland and Somerset Railroad Company. In addition to this employment he established an insurance and real estate business, which is in a flourishing condition. He engaged in the lumber business for himself in October, 1905, and associated himself in partnership with William Mackey, January 1, 1906, and they are conducting a lumber business under the firm name of Flyte & Mackey. Mr. Flyte is a staunch Republican, and has always taken an active and intelligent interest in the affairs of his country as well as his town. He was elected member of the house of representatives in 1904, and served in the regular and special sessions to the satisfaction and benefit of his party. He is a man of great energy and executive ability, keen observation, and a natural aptitude for seizing the opportunity at the proper moment. He married, May 19, 1897, Maud V. King, born in Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1876, daughter of Milton and Almina (Lewis) King. Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. Flyte are the parents of two children: Ardis Lucille, born April 21, 1898; Mary Almina, September 23, 1903. Mrs. Guy B. Flyte was the daughter of Milton King, a farmer in Tioga county. He was born in 1845, and when eighteen years old, volunteered as a soldier in the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Pennsylvania Regiment in the civil war. At the close of his term of enlistment he re-enlisted in the Two Hundred and Seventh Regiment and served till the close of the war. July 23, 1873, he was married to Almina Lewis, a daughter of George and Harriet (White) Lewis, of Bellmont, New York. He died August 20, 1890; his wife died November 3, 1882. Milton King was the son of James King, Jr., and Lavina (Bowman) King. The original ancestor of the King family had come to America in the "Mayflower" in 1620. James King, Jr., lived in New York city and died at Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Lavina Bowman, the grandmother of Mrs. Flyte, was a daughter of Godfrey Bowman. He was born in Connecticut, and when sixteen years old settled in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 in Captain Thomas's company. He was with Commodore Perry in his great victory on Lake Erie, and for bravery in that battle received a medal from the State of Pennsylvania with the following inscription: "Presented

by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Godfrey Bowman in testimony of his patriotism and bravery in the naval action on Lake Erie, September 10, 1813." On the reverse side of the medal is a vignette of Commodore Perry with the famous words: "We have met the enemy and they are ours," etc. Godfrey Bowman married Susanna Joseph, and died October 6, 1851.

L. S. ASPEY, M. D. Christopher Aspey, father of Dr. L. S. Aspey, of Smithton, was born in South Huntingdon township, and was reared on a farm. Soon after his marriage he purchased the farm near Jacobs creek, on which he has since resided. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, but has never been an office seeker. Mr. Aspey married Eliza, born in Fayette county, daughter of John Newcomer, and their children are: Albert A., of California, Pennsylvania; Oliver E., at home; Walter A., also at home; and L. S., mentioned hereafter.

L. S. Aspey, son of Christopher and Eliza (Newcomer) Aspey, was born December 29, 1870, in Fitz Henry, and was educated in the common schools, Greensburg Seminary, and Ada University, Ada, Ohio. At nineteen years of age he began teaching, and for four years was an instructor in the Westmoreland county schools. In 1894 he took up the study of medicine, and in 1895 entered the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, graduating therefrom in the spring of 1899, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately thereafter he settled in Hanoverton, Columbiana county, Ohio, and for four years successfully practiced his profession, removing in June, 1903, to Smithton, where he has since built up a desirable practice. He is a member of Gummert Lodge, No. 252, F. and A. M., of Fayette City, Pennsylvania, Smithton Lodge, No. 978, I. O. O. F., and Smithton Lodge, No. 328, K. P. His political affiliations are with the Democrats. Dr. Aspey married, June 25, 1896, Josephine, daughter of George and Amanda (Hough) Kelly, of the neighborhood of Scottsdale. There is no issue of this marriage.

JACOB T. AMBROSE, M. D., an honored physician and citizen of Ligonier, where he has practiced the profession of medicine for the past thirty-six years, is a descendant of a family that has been prominent in the Ligonier valley for over one hundred years. He traces his descent back to Frederick Ambrose, his great-grandfather, and his wife, Margaret, whose maiden name has not been preserved.

Frederick Ambrose was born May 4, 1738. He was a farmer of Bedford (now Fulton) county. He came to the Ligonier valley in 1790 with three of his sons—George, John and Henry—the latter being the grandfather of Dr. Jacob T. Ambrose. The homestead farm was located about two miles north of Ligonier, on Coal Pit Run. It came into the possession of Henry Ambrose in 1804 and is still owned by the family, one of the fifth generation now cultivating it. Frederick Ambrose died June 29, 1821, and his wife Margaret, born 1742, died 1809.

Henry Ambrose, son of Frederick and Margaret Ambrose, was born in Fulton county, June 20, 1762, and came to Westmoreland county, with the family, in 1790. He was a farmer all his life, and a member of the Lutheran church. He died January 27, 1833. He married Susan Walker, who died November 22, 1843, and they had five sons and seven daughters.

William Ambrose, son of Henry and Susan (Walker) Ambrose, was born on the farm in the valley, October 14, 1806. He was a tiller of the soil and owned land in the valley. In politics he was a Whig, but when that party

passed out of existence became a Democrat. He held several of the township offices, although not an office seeker. He was a member of the Lutheran church. William Ambrose married in 1828, Susan Bitner, born in 1803, daughter of Peter Bitner, of Dutch descent. She was the eldest of a family of fourteen children—four sons and ten daughters—all of whom reached maturity, married and raised families, and all lived in Ligonier township with one exception. The Bitner family settled in Ligonier valley in 1801 or 1802, on the farm now owned by James Graham. William and Susan (Bitner) Ambrose had children: George W., born 1829, was a farmer in Ligonier Valley, died 1881; Matilda, married Henry Karns, she died October 27, 1892; Matthew, died in infancy; Henry P., remained on the homestead farm, which he purchased from the heirs, and his son Albert now cultivates it; Henry P., died January 1, 1904; Jacob T., see forward; Mary A., married William Koontz, she died December 24, 1900; Josiah W., born 1840, was a dealer in lumber, and is now living in Ligonier, retired from active business life; Alexander, died in infancy; Lucinda, twin, widow of John Ray; Louisa, twin, died in infancy; Amanda, died in infancy. Of these eleven children there are now living (1906): Joseph W., Mrs. Lucinda Ray, at Wilksburg, Pennsylvania; and Dr. Jacob T. William Ambrose, the father of these children, died January 29, 1868; his wife, Susan, died January 25, 1873.

Jacob T. Ambrose, fourth son and fifth child of William and Susan (Bitner) Ambrose, was born December 6, 1837, and was reared on the farm, where he remained until he was of age. He attended the township schools and the Ligonier Academy. At the age of twenty he commenced teaching, and taught in the township schools for twelve years. In 1862 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for a term of nine months. He was in the hard-fought and bloody battle of Chancellorsville and other minor engagements. He was discharged at the expiration of his term, and again enlisted, this time in the state troops for the defence of Pennsylvania against Lee. In 1867 he commenced the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. J. A. Miller, of Ligonier, and in 1870 was graduated from the Long Island College of Medicine, in Brooklyn, New York. In the same year he began the practice of his profession in Stahlstown, where he remained for five years. In 1875 he removed to Ligonier, where he has since practiced, making a term of service in the valley of thirty-six years. He has attained success in his profession, and is the valued medical adviser of a large clientele in the valley and borough. He is a Democrat in politics, has served as school director and has been a member of the board of health for ten years. He is a member of the Lutheran church, of which he is an elder. He is also a member of the State and County Medical Association, and of the Ligonier Medical Association. Dr. Ambrose's residence is a handsome brick dwelling on Main street, Ligonier, which he built in 1889. His offices, which are well arranged and equipped, are in a separate building adjoining his home. He is as active and faithful in the performance of his duties now as when, thirty-six years ago, he entered upon his life work. His success has been hardly earned and well deserved. His large and well stocked library shows that he has kept abreast of the times. His life has not been lived for himself alone, but his skill as a physician, his time and his means, have been freely bestowed upon those less fortunately situated than he.

While yet a medical student and a teacher, Dr. Ambrose married, December 26, 1867, Susan Elizabeth Boucher, daughter of Hiram and Abigail Boucher. (See Boucher family). The children of this marriage are: Luella M., a teacher in Westmoreland county; Flora V., deceased; Lillian, Nellie,



deceased; Clara, Charles D., received his preparatory education in the Ligonier schools and in Rev. Dickinson's Classical Institute in Ligonier. He studied medicine with his father, entered the Western University of Pennsylvania and graduated from the medical school connected with that institution in 1900. On leaving college he became the junior member of Ambrose and Barkley, medical practitioners, now Drs. J. T. and C. D. Ambrose. He is considered an able practitioner; Frederick, educated in the same preparatory schools as his brother, and attended the State College for one year. He is now taking a course in electrical engineering in the Western University of Pennsylvania; George, a graduate of Ligonier high school, now attending Rev. Dickinson's Institute. The daughters were all educated in the Ligonier public and high schools and in Rev Dickinson's Institute.

**GILBERT FAMILY.** The ancestor of this family was John Gilbert, a native of the county of Cornwall, England, who came to Pennsylvania about the year 1682, accompanied by his wife, Florence (by some thought to have been his second wife), and some children. He has been supposed to be the subject of the following instance of Quaker persecution in Cornwall:

"In ye 9th month 1663 John Jenkyn & John Gylbert of ye Perish of Dew-loe beeing mett together to waite vpon ye Lord in ye house of Richard Tregennow of ye same parish on a first day of ye weeke there came John Austice constable & by warrant from Jonathan Trelawny, Called Justice, took them out of ye house & had them before him whoe foorthwith comitted them to ye goale of Launceston for meetinge together to worshippe God although they were butt two beside them of ye family, where they remayned untill ye Sessions & then were freed."

He settled first in Bensalem township, Bucks county, but by deed of 12 Mo. 19, 1695, purchased from Nicholas Rideout a tract of six hundred acres on the south side of Poquessing creek, in Byberry township, Philadelphia county; the said creek being the dividing line of the two counties. He conveyed two hundred and sixty-five acres of this to John Carver, July 2, 1696, and two hundred and fifty acres more to his son Joseph Gilbert, June 5, 1701. About this time he removed to the city of Philadelphia and became a merchant until his death, 8 Mo. (October, O. S.) 13, 1711. His children were John, Joseph, Sarah, Mary, Joshua and Abigail, of whom Joshua was born in this country, 6 Mo. 10, 1684.

Joseph Gilbert was born about 1675, and about the year 1699 was married to Rachel Livezey, born 11 Mo. 15, 1664, widow of Jonathan Livezey, of Abington Meeting, and daughter of Robert and Mary Taylor, of Springfield, Chester (now Delaware) county, Pennsylvania. Tradition states that she was brought to this country by her father (who came from Cheshire in 1682) to prevent her marriage to a person disapproved by him. Her first marriage occurred in the spring of 1687. Joseph was married again 9 Mo. 16, 1744, to Sarah James, born 7 Mo. 1, 1704, died in 1789, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth James, of Westtown, Chester county. He settled on the land obtained from his father, in Byberry, and carried on farming the remainder of his long life. Isaac Comly, in his sketches of Byberry, makes the following notice of him:

"Joseph Gilbert endeavored to maintain a strict moral discipline in his family; he was rigidly temperate and bore such a faithful testimony against the slavery of negroes that Benjamin Lay could consider him as his intimate friend, and put up at his house when he came to this neighborhood. He also protested against the use of spirituous liquors, especially by abstaining alto-

gether from them himself. He diligently attended religious meetings and encouraged his family to a regular observance of the same practice. Even the workmen he occasionally employed were left at liberty to go to meeting with him in the middle of the week, but in case they did not incline to do so he enjoined them to suspend their labors till he returned. His bodily and mental powers retained their strength and vigor to old age. He generally led his reapers in the harvest; drank nothing but water and that from the running brook, kept in a jug in the sunshine, but he provided beer for his workmen. After the decease of Abel Hinkson he occupied the head seat in Byberry Meeting and gave the signal for closing the meeting as long as he was able to attend it. He was at different times active both in the capacity of elder and overseer of the meeting. He died 8 Mo. 20, 1765, aged near 90 years."

Joseph Gilbert had at least five children: Sarah, born 1700, married John Baldwin; Phebe, born 1701, married Henry Comly; Joseph, born 1703, died 1730, unmarried; Rebecca, married Patrick Ogilby, in 1735; Benjamin.

Benjamin Gilbert is said to have been born in 1711, but probably earlier; was married 6 Mo., 1731, to Sarah Mason, daughter of Richard and Abigail (Scary) Mason, of Dublin township, Philadelphia county. She died 12 Mo. 26, 1759, and he married again, in 1760, Elizabeth Peart, born 3 Mo. 27, 1725, died 8 Mo. 5, 1810, widow of Bryan Peart and daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca (Homer) Walton, of Byberry. He settled on a farm which his father purchased for him in Richland, Bucks county, where eight of his children were born. In 1749 he removed to a mill in Makefield, Bucks county, but in 1755, at the request of his father, returned to Byberry to take charge of the farm. He also purchased, in 1758, a farm of about one hundred and thirty-six acres near his father's, and erected a mill thereon, to which he removed the next year. His mind was not wholly absorbed in his business, and in 1748 he published a pamphlet of forty-eight pages in defense of the principles of the Society of Friends regarding war. Again, in 1769, he published a volume of about two hundred and fifty pages on "perfection" and "universal redemption," followed in 1770 by a volume of one hundred and thirty-nine pages on these and cognate subjects. By the will of his father Benjamin Gilbert inherited the homestead in Byberry.

His children by his first wife were nine in number: Rachel, born 11 Mo. 14, 1732-3, married, in 1754, Ezekiel Atkinson, and a second husband, William Walton; Abigail, born 9 Mo. 3, 1734, married Benjamin Walton; Sarah, born 2 Mo. 24, 1737, died 8 Mo. 23, 1738; Joseph, born 12 Mo. 10, 1738-9, died 1807, unmarried; Benjamin, born 1 Mo. 31, 1741, died 1 Mo. 11, 1809, married, in 1771, Rebecca Watson, and in 1788, Margaret Anderson; John, born 5 Mo. 23, 1743, married, in 1768, Ann Stackhouse; Sarah, born 4 Mo. 26, 1745, married, in 1761, Daniel Walton; Joshua, born 12 Mo. 19, 1747-8, married, in 1771, Mary Randall; Caleb, born 9 Mo. 19, 1754, married, in 1779, Martha Stackhouse. The children by his second wife, Elizabeth (Walton) Gilbert, were four in number: Jesse, born 5 Mo. 4, 1761, died 3 Mo. 10, 1829, married, 3 Mo. 26, 1780, Sarah Harding; Rebecca, born 1763, died 8 Mo. 23, 1842, married, 8 Mo. 29, 1785, Joseph Rakestraw; Abner, born 3 Mo. 2, 1765, died 5 Mo. 31, 1831, married, 1 Mo. 18, 1799, Ann Cooper, born 7 Mo. 7, 1768, died 11 Mo. 12, 1846, daughter of George and Susanna (Truman) Cooper, of Sadsbury, Lancaster county; Elizabeth, born 9 Mo. 14, 1767, died 12 Mo. 26, 1857, married, in 1786, David Webster, of Abington.

Either from a love of change or to provide a large estate for his younger children, Benjamin Gilbert disposed of his mill property in Byberry, in the spring of 1775, and soon after removed to lands he purchased on Mahoning

creek, in Northampton (now Carbon) county, about nine miles from the Lehigh river and on the frontiers of the settlements in Pennsylvania. Here he erected a dwelling house, barn and grist and saw mills, and seemed to be in prosperous circumstances, but on the 25th of 4th Month, 1780, about sun-rise, a party of eleven Indians appeared on the scene and made prisoners of Benjamin Gilbert, Elizabeth his wife, their four children, Jesse, Rebecca, Abner and Elizabeth; Thomas and Benjamin Peart, sons of Elizabeth Gilbert; Joseph Gilbert, son of Benjamin by his first wife; Sarah Gilbert, wife of Jesse, recently married; Elizabeth Peart, wife of Benjamin, and their infant child, Elizabeth; Benjamin Gilbert, aged eleven; son of John Gilbert, of Philadelphia; Andrew Harrigar, a hired man of Benjamin Gilbert, and Abigail Dodson, a neighbor's daughter, who had come that morning to the mill; in all fifteen persons. After securing such plunder as they wished the Indians set fire to the buildings and hastened away with their captives toward Niagara, which they reached about a month later. On this journey the prisoners suffered great hardships as well as much abuse, and Benjamin Gilbert was condemned to death, but through the earnest pleadings of his wife the savages were induced to abandon their design. According to the custom they were compelled to "run the gauntlet," upon their arrival at the Indian town, and with clubs and stones they were sorely beaten and bruised. Through the kind intervention of the British officers at Niagara Fort Benjamin Gilbert, his wife, their son Jesse and his wife were soon released, and not long after were sent down the St. Lawrence by boat to Montreal; but owing to the hardships through which he had passed and the exposure in open boats, Benjamin Gilbert died on 6 Mo. 8, 1780, and was buried the next morning under an oak near the fort of Coeur de Lac (or Coteau du Lac). The other captives were mostly adopted by various families of Indians in the place of relatives who had been killed, and were for a time widely separated; but at length, thorough the persistent efforts of the mother and the aid of the British officers, all were liberated and in the year 1782 were enabled to return to their former home and kindred. A narrative of their captivity, compiled by William Walton, believed to have been a brother to Elizabeth Gilbert, was published in 1784, and several editions have since appeared; the latest and best being issued by The Burrowes Brothers Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, in 1904. The Gilberts being connected with many of the prominent families of Byberry and vicinity, their capture caused much excitement as well as sorrow and anxiety.

Benjamin Gilbert, Jr., son of the captive, learning that his relatives were in the neighborhood of Montreal, made his way thither about the time the last of them had obtained their release, and assisted them in their homeward journey. They did not return to the Mahoning settlement, but to Byberry, where they arrived 9 Mo. 28, 1782. Two of Elizabeth Gilbert's brothers, Benjamin and Daniel Walton, who married her step-daughters, removed to Fallowfield township, Chester county, and she spent the last years of her life in that vicinity.

Abner Gilbert was in his eighteenth year when he returned from captivity to Byberry, the place of his nativity. When about nineteen or twenty he worked with Silas Parry at masoning; he also did something at coopering in the winters, and lived with his brother Jesse. He likewise took a share of his father's land in Byberry, but sold it and removed with Jesse Gilbert and his family to Fallowfield, Chester county, in 1791. His half-brother, Benjamin Gilbert, having purchased lands in Westmoreland county, had removed and settled there about 1787. Benjamin owned a mill and farm in those parts, and being advanced in years and having no children persuaded Abner to come

and superintend his business, with expectation of making him his principal heir. Accordingly the latter went there in the spring of 1798, and being pleased with the prospect returned eastward about the close of the year to get a wife in the person of Ann Cooper, of Sadsbury, Lancaster county. They should have been married according to the discipline of Friends, which required a declaration of their intentions about five weeks prior to the wedding, but there being reasons for an early return to Westmoreland county they took the shorter method of marriage by a justice of the peace, on the 18th of 1st Mo., 1799, and made the journey to their future home by horseback in mid-winter. There being much snow that year the bride did not see the earth for several weeks after her arrival. They made an acknowledgment to Friends for the way of their marriage and were ever after members in good standing of the Sewickley Meeting. Abner Gilbert realized the inheritance of a large portion of Benjamin's estate. This included a tract of nearly three hundred acres in Huntingdon township (now Sewickley), patented to James Hunter, of Philadelphia, June 9, 1772, under the name of "Clover Hill." "Abner Gilbert departed this life the 31st day of the 5th month, 1831, aged about sixty-five (66) years; and his memory is precious to his surviving friends, relatives and acquaintances, as a sincere Christian and an upright-hearted honest man."

Children of Abner and Ann (Cooper) Gilbert: Elizabeth (known as Eliza), born 11 Mo. 4, 1799, died 5 Mo. 18, 1862; married, 4 Mo. 8, 1838. Joseph Cope, of Chester county, Pennsylvania, as his second wife; issue, Rachel W. and Gilbert Cope. Benjamin, born 12 Mo. 13, 1800, died 4 Mo. 7, 1887; married, 1 Mo. 8, 1829, Lydia Cope, born 3 Mo. 12, 1808, died 8 Mo. 26, 1882, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Willits) Cope, of Jefferson township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He inherited the homestead, "Clover Hill," and had issue: Sarah Ann, unmarried; Mary, married Dillon Gibbons; Eliza, married Joshua Cope, both deceased; Samuel, unmarried; Susan, married Jesse Edgerton, of Damascus, Ohio. George, born 4 Mo. 10, 1802, died at Winona, Ohio, 3 Mo. 25, 1872; married 6 Mo. 1, 1826, Hannah Cope, born 2 Mo. 26, 1805, died 11 Mo. 2, 1882, daughter of Joshua and Alice (Fisher) Cope, of Washington township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He inherited a part of his father's land, but about 1870 removed to a farm near Winona, Ohio. Issue: Thomas Clarkson and David Porter, died in infancy; Rebecca, married Alfred Megrail and Uriah Price; Ann Eliza, deceased, unmarried; Alice, married Edward Y. Cope and now his widow, living at Winona, Ohio; Joshua, married Deborah Hutton, both deceased; Abner, married Anzonetta Walton, died in Indiana; Sarah, married Joshua Brantingham, died at Winona; Edith, married William W. Newlin, both deceased; Ellen, married Elisha Steer, living at Colerain, Ohio. Susanna, born 3 Mo. 12, 1804, died 9 Mo. 14, 1873; married, 12 Mo. 26, 1822, Archibald B. McGrew, born 12 Mo. 26, 1799, died 1 Mo. 11, 1843, son of James and Elizabeth (McFerron) McGrew, of North Huntingdon township. Issue: Philena W., married William Graham and Samuel Little; Abner G., married Mary Ann Bruner and Sophia Williams; Elizabeth, married Abiram Blackburn; Margaret Ann, married John Ingram; Mary Jane, married Eli Price; Benjamin G., married Catharine S. Howell; Deborah, married Franklin J. McKain; Isabella, married Dr. J. W. Blackburn; Rebecca, married Jacob Greenawalt; Phebe Catharine, married Emmor Shaner and John Naylor; James, died in childhood. Ann, born 11 Mo. 1, 1807, died near Harrisville, Ohio, 1 Mo. 11, 1893; married, 12 Mo. 3, 1841, James W. McGrew, born 6 Mo. 17, 1808, died 6 Mo. 6, 1876, son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Winder) McGrew, of Smithfield township, Jefferson county, Ohio. Issue, Elizabeth Ann, unmarried; Lydia B., married Clayton

Haines, of Medford, New Jersey; Gilbert, married Eliza Hall; Susan Jane, married Robert Thomas; Eliza G., married Richard Ashton. Jesse, born 8 Mo. 26, 1810, died 12 Mo. 10, 1821.

**WILLIAM M. PARK.** The descendants of the old agricultural pioneer stock of Westmoreland county have always supplied an element of the very first importance to the common weal, and among these descendants William M. Park, of Greensburg, maintains the family tradition. His father and grandfather both lived and died on the same farm in Manor Valley.

James Park spent his life in cultivating the acres which had descended to him from his father. He married Jane Watson, who, like himself, was the offspring of pioneer ancestry. Her grandfather was of Scotch-Irish stock, and emigrated from Scotland in 1769, settling in Westmoreland county. At a time when that part of the county was suffering greatly from the ravages of the Indians, his wife would go to the fort to pass the night, never knowing whether the house would be standing in the morning or not, as each night witnessed the burning of dwellings by the savages. Robert Watson, the son of these pioneers, and the father of Mrs. Park, was born in Westmoreland county, and was a farmer all his life.

William M. Park, son of James and Jane (Watson) Park, was born June 29, 1840, in Penn township, and obtained his education in the common schools of his native county. His youth and early manhood were spent in farming, and in 1866 he began to work at the carpenter's trade, combining with it contracting and building. He is still successfully engaged in the same line of business. He belongs to the Protective Home Service and is a Republican in politics. He married Emma Elizabeth Harmon, and they have eight children: John, William J., Mary W., Samuel L., Fanny, Nellie, Emma, and Hillary C.

Mrs. Park is the great-granddaughter of ——— Harmon, who emigrated from Germany and settled in Westmoreland county, where he was killed by the Indians about 1775, as were many others about that period. His son, Philip Harmon, was born in the county and followed the calling of a farmer.

**MICHAEL KELLY.** One of those old-time residents of Johnstown whose names and deeds still live in the memory of a generation now rapidly passing away, was Michael Kelly. Mr. Kelly resided almost his entire life in Johnstown, where he engaged in business as a contractor, and was also the proprietor of a hotel. As a business man his character commanded respect, and as a host his good management and genialty made him deservedly popular. Although equipped for the battle of life with nothing beyond a common school education, he turned to the best advantage each one of his limited resources. He and his family were members of the Roman Catholic church. He married, and among the children was a daughter, Isabella, who was born April 5, 1837, in Johnstown, and became the wife of Francis, son of James and Margaret Layton. They were the parents of one child, Edward J., who was born January 31, 1862. Mr. Layton died June 17, 1865, and in 1872 Mrs. Layton married George, son of Tobis and Magdaline Fisher. By this marriage she has no children. The death of Mr. Kelly, which occurred in 1848, was lamented as that of an estimable man and a good citizen. Mrs. Kelly is also deceased, and Mrs. Fisher is the only surviving member of the family. She is a resident of Derry Station.

**CAMERON H. EISEMAN,** was born in Latrobe, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1872, the son of William Henry and Susanna

(Keys) Eiseman. William Henry Eiseman and his father both emigrated to this country from Germany.

Cameron Eiseman's education was acquired chiefly in the common schools of his native county, and after leaving the school-room he entered into the stock dealing business, being engaged chiefly in the trading of horses and cattle. In 1891. he established himself in the livery business, and twelve years later, 1903, he built a splendid livery barn and sale stable. He also deals extensively in wagons, purchasing them by the car load. In politics he is a straight Democrat, and held the office of mayor of his city, being elected in 1896, serving one term. In 1896 he married Rosanna Schenk, daughter of Frederick and Menesoia Schenk, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and their children are: Floyd C., born August 29, 1897; Menesoia, January 26, 1899; John H., January 9, 1901; Ruth, September 18, 1903.

MICHAEL J. KELLY, proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel, Mount Pleasant, one of the finely equipped and well patronized hotels in that section of the county, of which he has had charge since December 25, 1903, is a worthy representative of the foreign-born citizen, who, upon making their home in this country, at once conform to the laws and regulations, and also take a deep interest in all that pertains to its welfare and prosperity. He is a native of county Roscommon, Ireland, born October 28, 1856, son of John and Mary (Mangle) Kelly, both deceased. His maternal grandfather, Mr. Mangle, served in the Crimean war and for said services received a grant of land in county Roscommon; he formerly resided in the vicinity of Belfast, Ireland. When Michael J. Kelly was about two years of age his father, a farmer by occupation, came to the United States and located at Worcester, Massachusetts, remaining there ten years, and then returned to his native land, where he died at the age of sixty-four years. He and his wife were the parents of fourteen children, three of whom are living at the present time (1905): Michael J., see forward; Patrick, yard boss at the Standard Coke works; and Daniel, who resides in Ireland. In 1879 he returned to the United States and located for a time at Bergen Point, New Jersey, about eighteen months. He then came to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and there began the life of a miner, finding employment in Lycinging Mine No. 1. From there he removed to Pennville, then to Mount Pleasant, later to Bessimer, and finally returning to Mount Pleasant, his present location. He followed coal mining in these various towns up to 1894, when he abandoned this line of work and engaged as bartender in a hotel, serving in that capacity for four years. He then went to Port Royal and purchased the Port Royal House, which he conducted until it was destroyed by fire, five years and four months later. He immediately returned to Mount Pleasant and purchased the Grand Central Hotel, which he opened December 25, 1903, and which he has successfully conducted up to the present time (1905). The hotel is pleasantly located, has ample accommodations for fifty guests, and the genial and courteous manner in which the guests are treated make it a very desirable resting place for the traveling public. Mr. Kelly is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 868, transferred from Greensburg. In the county of Durham, England, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage to Ann Eagan, daughter of Patrick Eagan, and their children are: John, Kate, Delia, Patrick, Michael, Annie, and Daniel. The family are regular attendants of the Catholic church of Mount Pleasant.

**SAMUEL PETRE McINTIRE.** James McIntire, the earliest known member of the family in this country, was of Scotch descent, and came to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, from New Jersey, some time during the latter half of the eighteenth century. James and Hugh McIntire enlisted from Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Hugh McIntire was a private in Lieutenant Daniel Smith's company of the Eighth Battalion, Cumberland County Militia, in active service in January, 1778.

Hugh McIntire, son of James McIntire, the pioneer ancestor, located in the vicinity of Wilksburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, at the close of the Revolution. He farmed extensively and bred live stock. He married Jane Carr, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and from this union nine children were born. His death occurred in 1847, and his remains were interred at the Old Stone Church at Nolansburg.

Hugh McIntire, son of Hugh and Jane (Carr) McIntire, was born Sep-



tember 14, 1814, on the farm near Wilksburg. After arriving at maturity he drove the stage for a number of years on the old Pittsburg and Philadelphia pike, between Pittsburg and Jacksonville, and also between Jacksonville and Youngstown. At the same time he conducted the Black Horse Hotel at Youngstown, which was located on the present site of Gibson's harness shop. Abandoning this in 1854 he moved to Jacksonville and operated the McIntire House until his death in 1865, a period of eleven years. Subsequently his wife, Jane (Siegfried) McIntire, whom he had married December 23, 1840, continued the hotel as a road house during the remainder of her life, her death occurring in 1894. The McIntire Hotel, or Road House, was one of the principal stations on the "Underground Railway" preceding the Civil war, its proprietor, Hugh McIntire, having been a prominent Abolitionist. It was for many years a noted resort for pleasure seekers from miles in either direction. Its

patrons came from Pittsburg, Allegheny and McKeesport on the west, and from Greensburg and Jeannette on the east, and included many of the most notable residents of this section of the state. It was one of the most celebrated houses of its kind, and the last of the old stage houses on the pike. It is still standing, being at present (1905) occupied by Samuel P. McIntire as his private residence. Three children were born to Hugh and Jane (Siegfried) McIntire: Annie, born 1841, wife of John Ayers, of Turtle Creek, Allegheny county; Sarah Ellen, born 1844, wife of Andrew Bovard, of Greensburg; and Samuel Petre, born November 27, 1849.

Samuel Petre McIntire, only son of Hugh and Jane (Siegfried) McIntire, was born November 27, 1849. He married, August 9, 1895, at Jacksonville, Alice Miers, daughter of William and Susan (Johnson) Miers, of that place. No children. Mr. McIntire has always been a Republican in politics, while in religious matters, although not entertaining personal affiliations with any church, has leaned toward the United Presbyterian church, this being the denomination of which his wife is an active member.

HARVEY F. BARKLEY, a druggist of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, belongs to one of the oldest and most honored families of that section. He was born in Donegal township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1870, a son of Joseph and Mariah (Beistel) Barkley, and grandson of Jacob Barkley, who was a farmer of Westmoreland county, and a member of the Presbyterian church. He married and had the following children: Jacob, Emanuel, Sarah, wife of Montgomery Scott; Catherine, wife of Samuel Fligler; Susan, wife of Michael Bixler; Leah, married a Mr. Miller; Elizabeth, married William Larimer.

Joseph Barkley, the father of Harvey F. Barkley, was born in Donegal township, about 1825. In early life he was engaged for some time in school teaching. He later learned the trade of carpenter, which occupation he followed for a few years. Having a natural liking for farming, however, he turned his entire attention to this pursuit, in which he engaged during the remainder of his life. In political belief he was a staunch Democrat, and held the office of justice of the peace for about twenty years, also served as school director for some time. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was very active in church affairs. He married and had two children: William F., a nurseryman of Westmoreland county; and Emma E., deceased, who was the wife of Kelley Brothers. Mrs. Barkley died, and Mr. Barkley married Mariah Beistel, who bore him children: Idella, married Freeman Muir; George, a farmer of Kansas; Anna M., wife of Frank P. Baer; Dr. J. W., of Ligonier; and Harvey F., mentioned hereafter. The father of this family died in September, 1889.

Harvey F. Barkley acquired his education in the common schools of his native place, and at the age of eighteen engaged in the vocation of teaching school in Westmoreland county. He was later employed in the store of D. P. Lowe as clerk, remaining there for four years. He then removed to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he entered into the study of pharmacy, graduating in 1901. In 1897 he purchased, from a Mrs. Duncan, a pharmacy business, which he still conducts, and in which he has been attended with the greatest success. Mr. Barkley is a member of the I. O. H., No. 173, of Mount Pleasant; the I. O. O. F., No. 350, of Mount Pleasant, in which he is a past grand; and the B. P. O. E., No. 868. Mr. Barkley married Lizzie McKlveene, and to them one child was born, Ray M. Mrs. Barkley died, and Mr. Barkley took for his second wife Margaret L. Welty, daughter of J. S. Welty. Three children were born







*John Wainer*

of this union: John W. and Harry S. (twins), and Robert, who died when five months old. Mr. Barkley purchased a second store from Graham & New-comer, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, in May, 1905, to which place he took his family to reside.

**JOHN WAINER.** The parents of John Wainer, of New Kensington, were Andrew and Annie Wainer, natives of Hungary, where their son John was born November 5, 1860, receiving his education in the common schools of his birthplace. In 1881 he emigrated to the United States, and settled in Braidwood, Illinois, where for about eighteen months he was engaged in general labor. He then went to Fayette City, Pennsylvania, where he was employed about eight years by the Pittsburg Brewing Company as one of their agents. For a few years he was engaged in the wholesale liquor business, and in 1904 established a foreign exchange and banking business in Donora, Pennsylvania. In 1905 he established a branch in New Kensington under the firm name of Erdely & Wainer, the business being now extensive and flourishing. He belongs to the National Slavic Society, No. 241, of Fayette City, and the Society of Evangelical Lutherans. In the sphere of politics he affiliates with the Independents and his church membership is with the Lutheran denomination. Mr. Wainer married Annie Urievez, and they have been the parents of the following children: John, died at the age of twelve years; Mary, Annie, Paul, George, Michael, and Andrew. All these children are still at home.

**HENRY BEHM.** By birth and parentage Henry Behm, of New Kensington, is a German and by right of citizenship an American. He was born in the Fatherland and educated there. In 1887 he emigrated to the United States and for three years worked at the tailoring trade in Philadelphia. He then moved to Pittsburg, where for about two years he engaged in the manufacture of clothing. In 1892 he settled in New Kensington and continued in the same business five or six years. About 1897 he built the first opera house ever erected in New Kensington and for seven years was its successful manager. He also established the bill posting business in New Kensington and vicinity and at the same time was engaged in other enterprises. In 1904, in partnership with H. A. Haft, he established the manufacture of soft drinks, the style of the firm being H. Behm & Company. They are building up a large and successful business and have one of the best equipped plants in this part of the county. Fraternally he is connected with the following organizations: Lodge No. 804, I. O. O. F., of New Kensington; Encampment No. 209; and Lodge No. 606, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Ford City. Mr. Behm married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Loeb.

**HENRY J. SCHOTT.** Adam Schott, father of Henry J. Schott, of New Kensington, was born in 1824, in Germany, and in 1858 emigrated to the United States, settling in Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania, where for some years he followed his trade, which was that of a butcher. Within a short time he purchased a farm on Snow Hill and during the remainder of his life gave his attention to farming as well as to his trade. In politics he was a Republican and for six consecutive years filled the office of supervisor of Brady's Bend township. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He married Catharine Rohrbach, born in 1826, in Germany, and their family consisted of the following children: Adam and Margaret, one of whom died in infancy and the other in childhood: John A., butcher of Leechburg; Peter, tool dresser in

the oil country, now at Brady's Bend; Henry J., mentioned at length hereinafter; Elizabeth A., wife of James Storey, of West Virginia; and William H., of East Brady. Mr. Schott, the father, died March, 1892.

Henry J. Schott, son of Adam and Catharine (Rohrbach) Schott, was born in Buffalo, six weeks after the arrival of his parents in this country, and was educated in the common schools of Brady's Bend. Until the time of attaining his majority he assisted his father in the latter's business. He then went into business for himself in the oil regions, where he took an interest in several of the old wells, and he is still connected with a number of oil enterprises in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia and Kentucky. In 1897 he established the butcher's business in New Kensington, which he has successfully conducted ever since, and which is now one of the landmarks of the borough. Mr. Schott married Sarah E., daughter of John and Elizabeth Horgenrother, and they have been the parents of one child who died in infancy.

JOSEPH A. WALTON, one of Greensburg's well-known and deservedly popular citizens, is a grandson of Joseph Walton, whose son Riley is the proprietor of a hotel at Delmont, and married Maria Herbert. Their son Joseph A., was born December 30, 1872, in Delmont, where he obtained his education in the common schools.

At the age of sixteen Joseph A. Walton left school and entered the service of the firm of Kelly & Jones, with whom he remained for some time. He then became his father's partner in the grocery business, which they conducted for a year and a half. At the end of that time his father took charge of the hotel of which he is now the proprietor, and Mr. Walton became his assistant. This position he held for three years, when he removed to Greensburg and engaged in the dairy business, in which he is still engaged at present time. His political sentiments and principles are those held and supported by the Democratic party. Mr. Walton married, March 14, 1894, Maud Evans, and they have six children: Arthur R., born December 10, 1895; Joseph A. E., born June 19, 1897; T. H. Evans, born November 9, 1899; Mary Catherine E., born April 13, 1902; Virginia Maud, born January 26, 1904; Ruth E., born February 7, 1906. Mrs. Walton's grandfather, Abner Evans, was of English descent and came from Hagerstown, Maryland, to Westmoreland county. His son, Thomas Evans, married Anna Thomas, and they were the parents of a daughter, Maud, born February 12, 1876, in Greensburg, and became the wife of Joseph Walton, as mentioned above. The death of Mr. Evans occurred in 1879, in Greensburg, of which place he had been a worthy citizen.

DANIEL T. BUTLER, a miner of intelligence and energy in Larimer, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, prominently identified with church work in that county, and postmaster of the town since 1897, is a native of Scotland, but of pure Irish descent.

John Butler, father of Daniel T. Butler, was born near Ballymena, county Antrim, Ireland, August 24, 1820. He migrated to Scotland in 1837, settling at Hollytown, and there found employment as a coal miner. His education had been obtained in the Catholic parochial schools, and he was a member of the Catholic church, and always an ardent worker in the cause of its advancement. He married, August 14, 1850, Mary Cunningham, born in Cootehill, county Cavan, Ireland, November 25, 1828. Her parents migrated to Scotland in 1832. She, also, was a member of the Catholic church. Their children were: Catherine, born at Hollytown, Lanarkshire, January 20, 1852; Daniel T., of whom later; John, January 20, 1858; Patrick, November 9, 1861,

at Holloytown, Ayrshire; Margaret, January 20, 1866, at Annack Lodge, Ayrshire, Scotland; Bernard, at Annack Lodge, Ayrshire, Scotland; died November 18, 1898. Felix, January 20, 18—, and died March 22, 1887.

Daniel T. Butler, eldest son and second child of John and Mary (Cunningham) Butler, was born at Hollytown, Lanarkshire, Scotland, July 31, 1855. He was educated in the public schools of his native country, and then followed in the footsteps of his father as a coal miner, devoting, however, a considerable portion of his time to farming, which gave him excellent results. Coming to the conclusion that the United States offered a better field for ambition and enterprise, he emigrated to this country in April, 1883, and settled at Larimer, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Here he was engaged in mining for fourteen years. In April of that year he was commissioned post-master of Larimer, and has since devoted his time and attention to the conscientious performance of the duties which that position entails. He has been a member of the Catholic church of the Immaculate Conception, or Irwin, Pennsylvania, for many years, and has always been prominently identified with church work. He is a member of the C. T. A. Society of Irwin, and steward of the visiting sick committee. He is a staunch Republican, and active in the interests of that party. Like most busy men, the more Mr. Butler does, the more he seems to find time to do, and he is ever ready to assist those in need of his help. He married, June 29, 1874, Mary Malloy, who was also educated in the parochial schools at Dunlay, county Antrim, Ireland. She is a daughter of Roger and Mary Malloy, the former of whom is a farmer. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, all of whom received or are receiving a good public school education, are: 1. Mary, born August 29, 1877, in Dunlay, county Antrim, Ireland, married Thomas Donnelly, a miner, and resides in Larimer, 2. John, August 15, 1878, Dunlay, county Antrim, Ireland, is a machinist and resides in Larimer. 3. Roger, March 15, 1880, Dunlay, county Antrim, Ireland, is a machinist. 4. Patrick, March 26, 1882, machinist. 5. Bernard, January 29, 1883, teamster. 6. Daniel, November 10, 1884, machinist. 7. Philip, February 26, 1886, lives at Larimer. 8. Timothy, January 30, 1888, graduated from the public schools in 1902, died April 18, 1905. 9. Joseph, December 24, 1890. 10. Michael, December 24, 1890. 11. Charles, January 16, 1893. 12. Annie, October 15, 1897.

JOSEPH BELTZ. The parents of Joseph Beltz, of New Kensington, were Joseph and Paulina Beltz, and his birth occurred January 19, 1864, in Germany, whence, in 1883, he emigrated to the United States, settling in Wheeling, West Virginia, where for one year he worked as a laborer. After a year in Pittsburg he went to Natrona, Pennsylvania, and for one year was employed in the chemical works, after which he became a driver for Lutz & Son, brewers, remaining in their service about four years. During the next three years he worked in a similar capacity for Abraham Greenbaum, of Kittanning, and during one year thereafter was employed by Harry Montgomery, of the same place. The following year he spent in Port City, where he was employed in the glass works. His next enterprise was the building of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, at Port City, which he conducted for one year. At the end of that time he sold the property and purchased the Central Hotel, at New Kensington, where he is now the proprietor of the oldest and one of the best hotels in the town. During his residence in Port City he held, for one year, the office of street commissioner, having become a citizen of the United States in 1888. He affiliates with the Fraternal Order

of Eagles, No. 533, of New Kensington, and also belongs to the Heptasophs. He is an Independent in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic church. He married Margaret Agnes, daughter of Dennis and Sarah Call, and their children are: Mary E., born July 16, 1886, graduate of the parochial school; Edward J., born 1889; James A., born 1891; Veronica M., born 1896; Nora O., born November 20, 1899, and Catharine E., born April, 1901.

SAMUEL B. LEHMAN, of Greensburg, a son of Peter F. and Mary Ann (Moser) Lehman, was born February 9, 1838, in the township of Harrison, Bedford county. His educational advantages were obtained in the common schools adjacent to his home, which he attended until the age of seventeen years. He then engaged in the quiet but useful calling of agriculture, in which line of work he was most successful, continuing the same for fourteen years. He then established a boarding house for railroad men, which he conducted successfully for two years, after which he became proprietor of a hotel at Bridgeport, near Hydeman, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where he remained for a period of eight years, or until the hotel was destroyed by fire. He then located in Scottdale, Westmoreland county, and for four years was employed at drawing coke. He then opened a small store at Lisenring, Fayette county, and in addition to the superintendence of this was engaged in drawing coke for five years. He then located in Cumberland, Maryland, where for one year and a half he conducted a hotel, and the following year he erected and conducted a saloon at Ellerslie, Bedford county, disposing of the same in order to take up his residence in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where in 1889 he built the hotel at the County Home known as the Lehman Hotel. He retired from the hotel business May 1, 1905, and is now living in retirement.

In 1865 Mr. Lehman was married to Mary Reddinger, born July 12, 1844, a daughter of Michael and Catherine Reddinger, and ten children were the issue of this union: Emma S., born September 18, 1866; Anastacia, born December 15, 1867, deceased; Loretta F., born July 19, 1869, deceased; Margaret F., born December 1, 1871, deceased; Anna Catherine, born January 13, 1874, became the wife of Casper Glasstetter, and they reside in South Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Josephine F., born January 26, 1876; Anna Rosalie, born June 20, 1878, became the wife of Edward C. Matthews, and they also reside in South Greensburg, Pennsylvania; George F., born April 23, 1880, deceased; Charles H., born February 4, 1882, deceased; and Mary, born June 23, 1888, deceased. Mrs. Lehman, who performed the duties of wife and mother in a most exemplary manner, passed away July 2, 1903. Mr. Lehman married Mrs. Mary J. Phillips October 12, 1905, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Gordon) Johnston.

JOHN ANTHONY MYERS, for a number of years proprietor and manager of "Potts' Hotel," at Penn Station, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is an American of German descent. Karl Myers, father of John Anthony Myers, and founder of this branch of the Myers family in the United States, was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, December 31, 1823. He emigrated to America in 1842, and located in Fort Benton, Missouri and while there was a volunteer in the state militia. He came to Pennsylvania, and for some years resided in Chambersburg, removing in 1857 to Westmoreland county, in the same state. He served during the civil war as a private in the One Hundred and First Regiment, of Pittsburg, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He is a shoemaker by trade.





*C. H. Smith*



For several years he served as high constable of Greensburg. He married while in Missouri and his wife died there in 1856. He married Christina Fait, daughter of John Fait, and they had ten children: John Anthony; Mary M.; Frank W., deceased; William E.; Joseph; Elizabeth, deceased; Emma C.; Agnes F., deceased; Catharine; Harry. He is still living and a resident of Greensburg.

John Anthony Myers, son of Karl and Christina (Fait) Myers, was born at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1858. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native town, and he then entered upon a business career. He is energetic and active and has met with success. In 1896 he leased the "Potts' Hotel," at Penn Station, and has conducted it ever since. His genial, courteous manners have made it a place of popular resort, and Mr. Myers has no idle time on his hands. He is a member of the Catholic church, of the Catholic Knights of America, and affiliates with the Democratic party. He was one of the very first to enlist in Company I, Tenth Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guards, enlisting in 1879. He married, in 1882, Mahala Jane Erett, daughter of James Erett, a farmer of Hempfield township, who died during the civil war and is buried in Newport News, Virginia. John A. and Mahala Jane Myers have four children: 1. Lulu Cecelia, born April 5, 1883, married, at Penn Station, February 19, 1906, Frank Britt, of Youngstown, Ohio. 2. Charles M., May 8, 1885. 3. Henrietta R., October 17, 1887. 4. Clara E., December 21, 1889, died December 6, 1891.

HERMAN HERRICK. The parents of Herman Herrick, of Arnold, were Robert and Jeannette Herriek, and his birth occurred December 8, 1865, in Germany, whence he emigrated, in 1880, to the United States, stopping for a short time on the way in Toronto, Canada. Arriving in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, he opened a barber shop in Parker, and in 1882 went to Pittsburg, where for four or five years he was employed as a barber by George Pastor. At the end of that time Mr. Pastor sold out to Charles P. Berres, with whom Mr. Herrick remained for two years. Mr. Berres then took him into partnership and they conducted the business for five years, after which the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Herrick established himself on the corner of Sixth avenue and Smithfield street, where he carried on the business alone for about ten years. He was then employed for about three years as traveling salesman by the firm of Raphael & Zengschmitt. In May, 1905, he purchased the Hotel Edna, at Arnold, and is now the successful proprietor of one of the best hotels in the county. He is a member of the Heptasophs and the German Beneficent Union. Mr. Herrick married Flora Raphael, of Pittsburg, and they have two children: Rita and Ralph R.

CHARLES H. SMITH. Both by birth and parentage Charles H. Smith, of Alverton, belongs to Westmoreland county. He is a son of David G. Smith, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to this county when a young man, and so may fairly be said to belong to it. He found employment at the salt works, and later engaged in mercantile business at New Stanton. This calling he followed for twenty-two years, and during the early part of that period conveyed his produce to Pittsburg by wagon and returned with a load of goods. He took a deep interest in local affairs and filled some of the township offices. He was one of the old-line Democrats. Both he and his wife were active members of the Reformed church. Mr. Smith married Mary Bear, also a native of Pennsylvania, and their family consisted of four child-

ren; J. B. F., a merchant of Mount Pleasant; Alice M., wife of Joseph Kelly, of Hawkeye, Pennsylvania; Charles H., mentioned hereafter, and Cyrus L. P., who died November 7, 1902, aged twenty-seven years, and at the time of his death was a foundryman in the service of the Pennsylvania Malleable Iron Company. He was a man of many warm friends, loved and regretted by all who knew him. Mr. Smith, the father, died December 19, 1888, at the age of fifty-eight, and his death was quickly followed by that of his wife, who survived him but twenty-one days.

Charles H. Smith, son of David G. and Mary (Bear) Smith, was born July 26, 1872, at New Stanton, where he received his education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen he entered the foundry of Kelly & James, where he was employed for three years, after which he worked for the Pittsburgh Malleable Iron Company. Later he traveled for one year through the eastern cities, working meanwhile at his trade, and then returned to Pittsburgh where he entered the service of McCanway & Toily. With this firm he remained several years, and then organized the Iron City Brass Foundry Company, which he conducted successfully for two years and then incorporated with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars. Some six months later he sold his interest and became a stockholder in the National Foundry at New Stanton, with the office of superintendent of the works. In 1892, when the establishment was destroyed by fire, he at once secured some capital, went to Alverton and established his present business. He leased a property which had been for some time disused and there began to manufacture gray iron castings of all kinds, coke ovens and sewer castings, the two latter a specialty. He is operating in a modest way and gives employment to ten or twelve hands. In July, 1905, he repurchased the Iron City Brass Foundry of Pittsburgh, organized a new stock company and is vice-president of the same. He has already achieved a distinct success, being the owner of a modern house supplied with all the facilities for comfort and convenience. In the spring of 1905 he was elected county committeeman by a unanimous vote. Mr. Smith is a member of Fort Pitt Lodge I. O. O. F., of Pittsburgh, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Painterville Council, No. 211. Politically he is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Reformed church.

Mr. Smith married Daisy M., daughter of Nicholas and Della (Scott) Lang, of New Stanton, and they have five children: Violet Pansie; Ray Barton; Mary Della; Mabel Olive, and Charles H., junior.

**PAINTER FAMILY.** Jacob Painter, the pioneer ancestor of the American branch of the family, subsequent to his marriage emigrated from Mecklenburg, Germany, and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania. Here four sons and two daughters were born, namely: Jacob, Michael, John, Tobias, ——— who became the wife of George Myers, and ———, who became the wife of Christopher Harrold. Jacob Painter and his wife died and their remains were interred in the vicinity of their home in Berks county.

Jacob Painter, eldest son of Jacob Painter, the emigrant, settled on a farm in Hempfield township, situated on the Big Sewickley creek, eight miles south of Greensburg, which became known for many years as the "Judge Painter place," and was subsequently the property of David Fox. He built on the place a stone grist-mill, which he carried on in connection with his farming. He was an energetic, active business man, a member of the legislature for several terms, justice of the peace for many years, and at the time of his demise held the position of associate judge. He was the candidate of the Whig party for congress, but was defeated by his opponent, William Findley

who received seventeen more votes. He was a man of commanding presence, being about six feet in height, heavy set, and weighing about two hundred and twenty pounds. He was married twice. His first wife, who was a Miss Rapiere, daughter of a Mr. Rapiere, of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, bore him several children. Mrs. Painter died and was buried at Harrold's church. His second wife, whose maiden name was Catharine Lobingier, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Lobingier, bore him ten children, as follows: Polly, John, Jacob, Christopher, George, Joseph, Benjamin, Susan, Israel, and Sophia. Jacob Painter died at the age of fifty-nine, and was buried at Harrold church. His widow, Catharine, survived him about thirty years, lived with her sons—Christopher and Israel—at the "Willow-Tree Farm," where she died, aged eighty-four, and was buried at Markle cemetery.

Christopher Lobingier, father of Mrs. Painter, was a son of Christopher Lobingier, who came from Mecklenburg, Germany, and settled in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. Christopher Lobingier, Jr., settled in Mount Pleasant township in 1772, was a member of the Pennsylvania constitutional convention of 1776, and of the house of representatives from 1791 to 1793. In 1766 he married Elizabeth Mueller, by whom he had eight children: John, Christopher, Catharine, Barbara, Mary, Elizabeth, Susan and George. Mr. Lobingier died July 4, 1798, and was buried at the Presbyterian meeting house near Pleasant Unity. His wife died at Stoystown, Somerset county, September 15, 1815, aged seventy-one years.

George Painter, fourth son of Jacob and Catharine (Lobingier) Painter, was born on the farm in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1803. During the civil war he removed to the Dinsmore (or Sloan) farm, where he conducted extensive operations. He married Polly Stantz, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Miller) Stantz, of Chambersburg, Virginia, and their children were: Jacob, born January 6, 1833, mentioned hereinafter; Israel, born August 12, 1834, mentioned hereinafter; Benjamin, born April 1, 1836, was a member of the Fifth Wisconsin Volunteers, and died about 1879; and Lemuel, born April 30, 1838, resides in Possum Hollow, North Huntingdon township. Mrs. Painter, the mother of these children, died August 12, 1840. In 1844 George Painter married for his second wife Anna Margaret Baughman, daughter of John Baughman, and their children were: Catherine, married Jacob Blyholder, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Christopher, married Catherine Kuntz, and resides in Missouri; and George, married Alice Cope, and resides in North Huntingdon township. George Painter, father of these children, died in 1890.

Jacob and Israel Painter, the two eldest sons of George and Polly (Stantz) Painter, received a common school education. They farmed with their father, who moved to their present farm in 1841. During the war the father removed to the Dinsmore farm, where his son George Painter now resides, leaving the old homestead to Jacob and Israel. These two brothers have since resided continuously on this farm, which they have cultivated to a high state of perfection. Both are members of the Lutheran church, Jacob serving in the capacity of deacon at Irwin, and Israel at Adamsburg. They are Democrats in politics, Jacob casting his first vote for President Buchanan. Israel Painter is unmarried. Jacob Painter married, October 25, 1860, Hetty Louisa Kunkle, born March 17, 1841, daughter of John L. and Sarah (Baughman) Kunkle, of Westmoreland county. Their children are: George W., born March 21, 1862, mentioned hereinafter; John L., born September 28, 1864, unmarried, resides at Irwin; Charles, born September 13, 1867,

unmarried, resides at home; William, born April 23, 1871, died January 29, 1877, aged six years; Sarah Annie Margaret, born August 13, 1874, became the wife of John Walton, of Pitcairn, Pennsylvania; David, born June 15, 1877, married Ada L. Silvis, and lives at the old homestead; Mary, born February 7, 1882, unmarried, resides at home; and Janet, born March 20, 1884, unmarried, resides at home.

George W. Painter, eldest son of Jacob and Hetty Louisa (Kunkle) Painter, was born March 21, 1862. He received a common school education, and from the completion of his studies until he was twenty-two years of age farmed on his father's place. He then went to Kansas, located at Hazleton, and there engaged in the livery business and stock raising. After a residence of three years in that state he moved to Missouri, near Kansas City, and there followed farming and the raising of fine stock. He then returned to Pennsylvania and settled on the Michael Clohessy farm, near Irwin, remaining four years. The following two years he engaged in the feed business in Irwin, after which he purchased his present farm, which is located in the vicinity of Irwin and consists of sixty-seven acres of productive land. The stone dwelling thereon is nearly a hundred years old. Mr. Painter is a member of the Presbyterian church, a member of the Royal Arcanum, and a Democrat in politics. He served as school director of his township for two terms, rendering valuable and efficient service. He married, November 24, 1887, Margaret H. Fullerton, daughter of John and Margaret (Gaut) Fullerton, of South Huntingdon township. The issue of this marriage is as follows: John Thurman, born November 1, 1888; William Clymer, June 19, 1890; Margaret Jane, November 11, 1894; Grace, December 1, 1896, died at the age of three months; Mabel Esther, May 2, 1898; and Wayne Fullerton, November 9, 1900.

**BENDER FAMILY.** The pioneer ancestor of the Bender family in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was Jacob Bender, a native of Adams county, Pennsylvania, born March 16, 1796, who purchased a farm southwest of Greensburg, whereon he resided and which he operated successfully until his death. His wife, Catherine (Bush) Bender, whom he married December 24, 1818, and who died February 10, 1854, aged fifty-seven years, bore him the following children: Isaac, July 6, 1820, mentioned hereinafter; Henry, June 14, 1822; David, April 8, 1824; Elizabeth, August 2, 1826, unmarried, resides in the vicinity of Irwin; Hannah Sarah, July 4, 1828; Catherine, October 19, 1830, wife of a Mr. Milliron; Solomon, December 7, 1832; Mary Ann, October 11, 1834, wife of Reuben Henry; and Benjamin, December 17, 1836, married Caroline Sunsil, and resides near Greensburg.

Isaac Bender, eldest son and child of Jacob and Catherine (Bush) Bender, was born July 6, 1820. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for many years near Harrison City in addition to farming one of his father's farms. Later in life he rented different farms and pursued that vocation for the remainder of his active career. He married Mary Ann Heintzleman, daughter of Christopher and Mary Ann (Overcash) Heintzleman, and their children were: Sarah Ann, born January 6, 1846, deceased; Henry A., born August 7, 1847, deceased; Joseph, born March 6, 1850, mentioned hereinafter; Mary Ann, born April 4, 1852, deceased; Catherine E. born December 18, 1854, unmarried, resides near Irwin; Jacob, born February 18, 1856, deceased; Lucy Ann, born April 2, 1859, deceased; Samuel, born April 19, 1863, mentioned hereinafter; and John L., born April 4, 1866, married Anna Jacobs, and





*B. H. Townsend*

resides near Jeannette. Isaac Bender (father) died July 6, 1897, aged exactly seventy-seven years. His wife died March 12, 1893, aged seventy years.

Joseph Bender, second son of Isaac and Mary Ann (Heintzleman) Bender, was born at Slabtown, near Harrison City, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1850. He received a common school education and farmed until the age of thirty-five, when he learned the trade of carpenter, later taking up contracting and building, which he has followed ever since. He came to Irwin about 1887, built his present home, and has resided there continuously since that date, a period of almost twenty years. He is a member of the Reformed church, and served as a member of the church committee for twelve years. He is a Democrat in politics. Joseph Bender married, June 9, 1896, Margaret E. (Elgin) Laughlin, daughter of James and Mary Elizabeth (McCord) Elgin, of Clarion county, and widow of John L. Laughlin, who died May 12, 1893. By her marriage to Mr. Laughlin she was the mother of three children: Lucy Gertrude, born June 14, 1887; Sarah Cornelius, born November 30, 1888; and John L., Jr., born December 17, 1893. These children live with Mr. and Mrs. Bender in Fairmount, near Irwin. Mrs. Bender's great-great-grandfather McCord went from Ireland to Scotland, and from thence emigrated to America, settling in Delaware. His son was with General Washington at Valley Forge. Joseph McCord, son of the Revolutionary soldier, and grandfather of Mrs. Bender, came to Clarion county as manager of some of the first ore furnaces there, and his descendants are still to be found there.

Samuel Bender, fourth son of Isaac and Mary Ann (Heintzleman) Bender, was born April 19, 1863, about half a mile from Murrys ville, Pennsylvania. He received a common school education and farmed with his father until about 1893, when he began farming on his own account. He has resided in the vicinity of Irwin for more than two decades, and has been on his present farm, which is located just outside of the borough on the east, for four years. He is successful in his operations and both he and his brother are classed among the representative citizens of that section of the county. He holds membership in the Reformed church, and his political allegiance is given to the Democratic party. Samuel Bender married, March 19, 1896, Emma Matilda Stump, of Penn township, Westmoreland county, born March 10, 1872, daughter of Henry and Carolina (Wolf) Stump. Their children are: John Lang, born November 1, 1896; Catherine Elizabeth, born June 20, 1898; Mary Margaret born March 22, 1900, died June 18, 1900; Emma Caroline, born May 25, 1901; Samuel Henry, born September 17, 1902, died October 14, 1902; and Howard Warden, born November 25, 1903, died September 13, 1904.

BARTON H. TOWNSEND, a roller in the American Sheet Steel and Tin Plate Company, at Vandergrift, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and a well known and popular citizen of Vandergrift, is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Pennsylvania, and one that has a remarkably interesting history.

(1) Isaac Townsend, the founder of the family in America, and the great-grandfather of Barton H. Townsend, emigrated to America, probably between 1770 and 1780, prior to the burning of Hannastown. He was one of three brothers who came to America and settled in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. One of these later settled near Philadelphia, Pa., and Isaac Townsend acquired some three or four hundred acres of the lands near Salina, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, which had been granted to the colonies. This was in the early days of the settlement, when the land was filled

with Indians. Isaac Townsend cleared this land, converted it into a farm, and built a cabin upon it. The night before the burning of Hannastown, the Indians, on their way to this work of destruction, encamped within a short distance of the Townsend cabin. Both Isaac Townsend and his wife died on this homestead farm. Isaac Townsend married Rachel King and raised a family. Mrs. Townsend was called by the Indians, "The pretty black-eyed squaw." She was in great fear of them and when they came, as they frequently did, on their begging expeditions, she always acceded to their demands and made liberal donations.

(II) Isaac Townsend, son of Isaac and Rachel (King) Townsend, was born on the farm, near Salina, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, but in 1833, he went to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and purchased the farm on which Vandergrift now stands. Later he purchased the Speers farm adjoining his, thus making his farm one of about two hundred acres. He spent the remainder of his life on this farm, cultivating it diligently, and died there in his seventy-ninth year. Isaac Townsend (2) married Mary Hill and had a number of children: John H., Eden, Darius, Elizabeth, Levi, Delilah, Mary, Rachel, and Susan.

(III) John H. Townsend, son of Isaac and Mary (Hill) Townsend, was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, across the river from Salina, in 1819. He received as good an education as was customary in those days, and at the age of fourteen removed with his father to the farm on the present site of Vandergrift. This place was his home until his death, which occurred in 1885. Upon the death of his father he purchased from the other heirs their interest in the estate. The first grist mill ever built in this section of the country was built in Apollo by Mr. Townsend and his brother Eden, and was controlled by them for many years, with large profits. After the building of the railroad through his farm, Mr. Townsend frequently predicted that a town and manufacturing plant would ultimately be erected on the site of his farm, but he did not live to see his predictions verified. After his death the farm was sold by the heirs to E. M. Hukel, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, who later sold it to the Apollo Iron and Steel Company. Mr. Townsend was a Democrat in politics and served one term of three years as county commissioner. This is the only time he sought or held public office. He cultivated his farm in a very practical and scientific manner for those days, and was considered one of the most successful farmers in that section of the country. Mr. Townsend married Eliza Burkett and they were the parents of nine children, of whom five are now (1906) living, as follows: 1. Newton E., resides in Apollo. 2. Frank R., resides in Beatty Station, Pennsylvania. 3. Eaton A., resides in Apollo, Pennsylvania. 4. Barton H., of whom a sketch is appended. 5. Grant B., resident of Apollo, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Barton H. Townsend, fourth child and son of the surviving children of John H. (3) and Eliza (Burkett) Townsend, was born on the present site of Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1863. He spent the early years of his life on his father's farm, meanwhile acquiring a good education in the public schools of that section. Upon the death of his father the management of the farm fell into his hands, and he showed a great amount of executive ability, and conducted everything connected with it until the sale of the place in 1889. In the following spring he went to Apollo, Pennsylvania, and sought and obtained a position in the mills of the Apollo Iron and Steel Company, commencing at the bottom of the ladder as a laborer. Beginning in this way, however, enabled him to acquire a thorough and practical knowledge from the very start. His faithful performance of the duties entrusted to him soon brought



about his advancement to the position of assistant heater in the hammer shop, and shortly after as assistant to the heater in the bar mill. From this he was promoted to be heater in the bar mill. After the strike of 1893 he was transferred to the sheet mills and was made a pair-heater and soon advanced to be sheet-heater. In November, 1896, upon the opening of the new mills in Vandergrift, Mr. Townsend was transferred to them, and was one of the first residents of that town. He thus became a resident of a city which had been erected on the site of the farm on which he had been born and reared. In 1899 he was advanced to his present position of sheet-roller, and his services are highly valued by the company in which he is employed. Mr. Townsend is a man of great determination and force of character, and these qualities have enabled him to make such rapid strides in his calling. He is well liked by his fellow employes and has many friends in the town of Vandergrift. He is independent in his political opinions, casting his vote for the candidate whom he thinks most suitable for the office to be filled. He has served on the committee on streets for one term, and on February 20, 1906, was elected Burgess of Vandergrift, to serve a term of three years. He is a member of the First Lutheran church, and also of Vandergrift Lodge, No. 1116, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Vandergrift Council, No. 1781, Royal Arcanum. He was also a member of the first town council of the borough of Vandergrift. He married, March 8, 1886, Ada J. Burkett, daughter of George W. and Mary (Schall) Burkett, of Leechburg. To Mr. and Mrs. Barton H. Townsend were born the following named children: Rex E., deceased; Grant B., deceased; Veryl M.; Mary E.

FRANK R. ALTER. The family of which Frank R. Alter, of Parnassus, is a representative, had its origin in Holland. Jacob Alter sailed from Rotterdam in the ship "Beulah" and was qualified as a citizen in Philadelphia, September 10, 1753. During the war of the Revolution he served in the Second Battalion, Pennsylvania Line, United States Infantry. He married, between 1760 and 1767, Margaret, daughter of Henry and Veronica (Graafe) Landis, and their children were: Veronica, born October 9, 1769, wife of Lawrence La Fever; John, born September 13, 1771, married Helenor Sheets; Jacob, born January 1, 1773, married Elizabeth Foutz; David, mentioned hereinafter; Esther, born February 28, 1777, wife of Michael Baer; Samuel, born March 17, 1779, died young; Susanna, born October 30, 1780, wife of Joseph Ritner; Henry, born October 25, 1784, married Maria E. Reinhard; Abraham, born March 13, 1787, died unmarried; and Margaret, born March 23, 1700, wife of ——— McCullough.

David Alter, son of Jacob and Margaret (Landis) Alter, was born February 7, 1775. He purchased the Miller estate on which he erected the mills long known as the Alter mills, which for half a century ground large quantities of grain for the inhabitants of an extensive area of the then thinly populated region. David Alter served in the War of 1812 with the rank of captain. His brother-in-law, Joseph Ritner, mentioned above, was at one time governor of Pennsylvania. Captain Alter married Elizabeth Mell, of German extraction, and they were the parents of a large family, among their sons being Samuel, mentioned hereinafter; Jeremiah, and Joseph, father of Dr. David Alter.

Samuel Alter, son of David and Elizabeth (Mell) Alter, was born in 1804, near Logan's Ferry, Allegheny county, and was a blacksmith by trade. As a young man he went to Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and thereafter devoted himself to farming. He served on the school board, was a Republican in politics

and a steward and trustee in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Alter married Ann Stotler, and their children were: David, Jeremiah, Jacob, mentioned hereinafter; Samuel, Harvey, Emmanuel, Emma, wife of David Stotler; and Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Coulter. The death of Mr. Alter, the father, occurred in 1882, when he had reached the age of seventy-eight.

Jacob Alter, son of Samuel and Ann (Stotler) Alter, was born October 3, 1842, and was educated in the common schools. In 1862 he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving nine months. He returned home, but after a brief visit, re-enlisted for three years in Thompson Independent Battery, or Company C, Light Artillery, and served until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and received his discharge in Pittsburg, June 30, 1865. During the two or three years following he was employed as watchman on the steamers "Kenton" and "Leonidas," plying on the Mississippi river, and in 1869 became brakeman for the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company. While holding this position he suffered the loss of a limb, and one year later was made night watchman at the general offices of the company in Pittsburg. After serving in this capacity twelve years he solicited and obtained the position of freight and ticket agent and telegraph operator at Chartier's Station, a position which he held for many years, but has recently resigned, having retired from active labor. He belongs to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and the Railroad Station Agents Association, is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Alter married, June 15, 1868, Jane H., daughter of Williams Morrison, of Allegheny township, and their children are: Frank R., mentioned hereinafter; Fred S., Stella M., Nancy L., David, and John.

Frank R. Alter, son of Jacob and Jane H. (Morrison) Alter, was born April 3, 1871, in Pittsburg, where he received his education in the common schools. At the age of seventeen he entered the service of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company as telegraph operator, and four years later was appointed station agent at New Kensington, a position which he still retains. For six years he represented the borough of Parnassus in the council. He affiliated with Verona Lodge, No. 548, F. and A. M., of Verona, in which he passed all chairs, and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. Mr. Alter married Minnie, daughter of Wesley and Susan Martin; three children: George H., Helen S., and John R.

FRANK D. SHEARER. Germany was the original home of the ancestors of Frank D. Shearer, of Braeburn, the emigrant progenitor being the father of Lewis Shearer, who was born near Gettysburg, and was the father of John; Jacob; Peter, see forward; Mary, wife of William Ashbaugh; and Sarah, wife of Peter Frantz.

Peter Shearer, son of Lewis Shearer, was born September 19, 1801, and passed his entire life as a farmer in Westmoreland county. He married Elizabeth Snell, and their children were: Sarah, wife of Benjamin Younkens; Jane, wife of Nathan Arb; Arminta; Abigail, wife of Charles Abbott; Israel, see forward; John; Hiram; and Eli.

Israel Shearer, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Snell) Shearer, was born in Westmoreland county, and learned the ship carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, also engaging in farming. For twenty years he was an elder of the Natrona Presbyterian church, and at the time of his death was serving in a similar capacity in the Parnassus church. He married Alvira, daughter of Jackson and Elenore Sloan, and they were the parents of eleven

children, two of whom died in infancy. The others were: William; Ella, wife of A. J. Douglas; Edwin, in business at Parnassus; Preslie, died at the age of twenty-seven; Frank D., see forward; Harry L., engineer at Carnegie; Lewis, of Pittsburg, also an engineer; Annie; and Jesse, of New Kensington. The death of the father of the family occurred May 24, 1905.

Frank D. Shearer, son of Israel and Alvira (Sloan) Shearer, was born July 10, 1865, in Beaver county, and received his education in the schools of Parnassus. In early life he entered the service of the Allegheny Valley railroad company, beginning as a fireman, and in 1889 was promoted to the position of engineer which he still retains. In February, 1905, he was elected school director. He belongs to the Botherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Bainbridge Council, No. 128, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family are members of the Natrona Presbyterian church. He married Louise, daughter of Henry and Maria (Cramer) Ellerman, and they are the parents of a son and a daughter: Richard L., born June 4, 1893; and Helen M., born January 8, 1895.

THOMAS LAIRD, general superintendent of Hecla Coke Works, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, born September 14, 1845, the son of Francis and Mary (Buchanan) Laird. He is the grandson of Thomas Laird, a native of the west of Scotland, who was born in 1792, and was a member of the Episcopal church. He married and had a son, Francis.

Francis Laird, son of Thomas and father of the present Thomas Laird, was born July 12, 1824, in Glasgow, Scotland. He emigrated to America in 1848, settling in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. In his native country he followed the occupation of a printer, and it was his intention on coming to America to follow that occupation, but became interested in mining. From Schuylkill county he removed to Maryland, thence to Kanawha county, West Virginia, and while there held the position of mine boss for the Winifred Mining & Manufacturing Company. In 1861 he returned to Pennsylvania, locating in Mercer county, thence to Trumbull county, Ohio, and subsequently settled in Hecla, Westmoreland county. He married, in Scotland, Mary Buchanan, a daughter of William Buchanan, a native of Dumbarton, Scotland, where he died when his daughter Mary was a small child. By this union, ten children were born, five sons and five daughters. The two eldest, Thomas, of whom later, and Elizabeth, were born in Scotland. Mrs. Laird's death occurred in Trumbull, Ohio. She was killed by being tramped upon by a horse. The death of Francis Laird occurred July 17, 1898.

Thomas Laird acquired his literary education in the common and high school of Sharon, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and entered into employment as a miner upon leaving school, continuing in this occupation until 1875, when he, associated with three others, engaged in the mining business in Mercer county, under the firm name of Baker, Snedden & Company. He continued in this business until 1882, when he removed to Armstrong county, where he was engaged in the coal business with Robert Snedden for one year, and then came to Allegheny county, and was for a time employed as clerk in the Pittsburg Glass Works. In 1884 he removed to Westmoreland county, locating in Hecla, Mount Pleasant township. Here he assumed charge of the Hecla Mine & Coke Works, No. 1, which had been in operation for two years. At that time he had under his supervision 300 employees and 272 ovens. He gave his entire attention to this plant until the opening of Hecla No. 2, in 1889, when he was given charge of this also; which has 500 ovens. In 1902, No. 3 Hecla was established, this also being added to Mr. Laird's superintendence,

and this having 300 ovens. He has in charge over a thousand men. This responsible position calls for a man of good executive ability and keen judgment, and how well Mr. Laird has filled the requirements is attested by his long continuance in charge of same. He is a Republican in politics and a wide-awake, enterprising citizen. He is interested in educational affairs, having served three years as member of the school board, and is now in his second term as secretary of same. He has also served as school director, councilman and burgess of Wheatland, Mercer county, Pennsylvania. In religious faith Mr. Laird is a supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church at Hecla, of which he is one of the trustees. Mr. Laird assisted in the erection of this church, under the pastorate of Rev. John Wakefield. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Moss Rose Lodge, No. 551, and was charter member of Lodge No. 814, I. O. O. F., P. G., of New Virginia, Mercer county, which lodge he represented to the Grand Lodge. While a resident of Mercer county he was also a member of the Good Templars Sherman Lodge. He is now a member of the Pike Run Country Club. October 23, 1867, he married Margaret Snedden, a native of Pennsylvania, the daughter of Thomas Snedden. The children born to them are: 1. Harry S., a supervisor of the N. C. railroad, with headquarters at Millsbury, Pennsylvania; he married Miss Bessie Webber, (deceased) and they had one child, Thomas W. 2. Frank B., a bookkeeper in the Alice Mines, this county; he married Miss Margaret Kilgore, the daughter of John P. Kilgore, and they have three children—John, Harriet and Francis. 3. Mary, the wife of N. A. Cort, an attorney-at-law of Mount Pleasant and Greensburg. 4. Gene, the wife of Dr. C. D. Kimball, of New York City, whose present residence is Denver, Colorado. 5. Margaret A., the wife of Harry Hurst, of Haysville, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES M. FLEMM. The father of Charles M. Flemm, of Braeburn, was John H. Flemm, who passed his entire life in the neighborhood of Freeport, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a carpenter and engaged in barge-building. He was a member of the Baptist church. He married Margaret Nangle and their children were: William, a florist of Pittsburg; Harry H., a carpenter and builder of Freeport; Charles M., see forward; Frederick C., a machinist of Braeburn; Roy, drowned in Freeport at the age of nine years; and Adam D., a painter of Freeport. The death of Mr. Flemm occurred in 1898.

Charles M. Flemm, son of John H. and Margaret (Nangle) Flemm, was born March 30, 1872, in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, where he was educated in the common schools, and until he was twenty years of age worked as a carpenter. In 1892 he moved to Braeburn and purchased a ferry, where he has been continuously engaged ever since, with the exception of one year spent in the mercantile business. For one year he held the office of precinct register and in February, 1904, was elected school director for a term of three years. Politically he is a Republican. He married Isabel, daughter of William and Lucy Hamilton, and they have one child: John H., born August 6, 1892, now at school.

JOHN C. BEALE. The family of which John C. Beale, of Braeburn, is a member, has for several generations been resident in Pennsylvania. The founder was born in England and emigrated with William Penn, settling for a time in Bucks county, and later moving to Mifflin county, where for many years he was judge of the county courts.

John Beale, son of the founder, was born in the eastern part of Pennsyl-

vania, and was the first of the family to come to Westmoreland county. He married Maragret Evans, of Virginia, and their children were: Phoebe, wife of James Close; Jane, wife of Jacob Phillips; Margaret, wife of \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson; Mary, died unmarried; Thomas, married Mary Beneanger; William, married \_\_\_\_\_ Madison, see forward; Washington, married Levina Smith.

Madison Beale, son of John and Margaret (Evans) Beale, was born October 24, 1810, in Burrell township, where he passed his entire life as a farmer. He filled several township offices, was a Democrat in politics and a member of the United Presbyterian church.

Mr. Beale married, in 1833, Mary Jane McGinnes, and their children were: Jeremiah, carpenter in Allegheny county; Sarah J., wife of Jonathan Artman; Teresa; John C., see forward; and one who died in childhood. Mr. Beale, the father, died July 11, 1894.

John C. Beale, son of Madison and Mary Jane (McGinnes) Beale, was born February 7, 1849, in Burrell township, where he was educated in the common schools, and in early life learned the business of a butcher, to which he has given his exclusive attention down to the present time. For five years he held the office of justice of the peace, and during the entire period of his incumbency never had a decision reversed by the higher courts. In the sphere of politics he has always affiliated with the Democratic party. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church. He married Matilda Jane, daughter of Nicholas and Dorren Aker, and their children are: Frances, wife of Harry Artman, of Leechburg; Louila Myrtle, wife of Samuel Hepler, of Braeburn; Agnes Nora, wife of George Hepler; Charles Craton, with his father in business; Elizabeth Ellen; and Roxinie, both of whom are at home.

AMBROSE WILLETS, of New Kensington, is the son of Thomas Willets, who was born in England, and was a miner by occupation; in the course of his experience he was caught in no fewer than twenty-two gas explosions. In 1865 he emigrated to the United States, landing on the day when President Lincoln issued his last call for troops. He settled at Brady's Bend, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the iron ore mines until about 1878. He then moved to Hillville, Westmoreland county, and there engaged in coal mining until about four years previous to his death, when he retired from active labor. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Sarah Ann Perry, born in 1822, in England, and their children were: John; Thomas, died in infancy; Mary Ann, wife of Charles Tustin; Eliza, wife of Enoch Thomas; Ambrose, mentioned at length hereinafter; Tripener, wife of Thomas Hodge; Catharine, died in childhood; William, died at the age of twenty-two; and Enoch, died in infancy. The death of the mother of this family, in 1884, was quickly followed by that of the father, which occurred the following year.

Ambrose Willets, son of Thomas and Sarah Ann (Perry) Willets, was born June 5, 1857, in England, and was in his eighth year when the family came to the United States. He received his education in the night schools of Leechburg, Pennsylvania. In his youth he worked in the coal mines, and later in the rolling mills at Leechburg, and was employed as a roller not only in that place, but also at Cumberland and New Kensington for many years. In 1895, in company with several other rollers and heaters, he organized the Hyde Park Iron & Steel Company, at Hyde Park, Westmoreland county. The company was in successful operation until 1897, when it was sold to the American Steel Sheet Company. He then moved to New Kensington and

took the position of roller with the American Tin Plate Company, serving in that capacity until January 21, 1905, when he was appointed street commissioner and health officer. He belongs to the American Insurance Union and the Amalgamated Association of Iron & Steel Workers. He affiliates with Lodge No. 651, I. O. O. F., of Leechburg, and the Tribe of Ben Hur, New Kensington Court, No. 11. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, of New Kensington, which he helped to organize in 1901, and in which he serves as chorister, also belonging to the church council. He married Emma, daughter of Israel and Catharine Artman, of Westmoreland county, and they are the parents of four children: Charles E., druggist of Mars, Butler county, Pennsylvania; Mary Effie, graduate of Sayres' Business College; E. Homer, drug clerk at Charleroi, Pennsylvania; and Katie Irene, at home. The mother of these children died January 20, 1906.

**SAMUEL D. JOHNSTON.** The family of which Samuel D. Johnston, of Avonmore, is a member, is one of the pioneer families of the county. Mr. Johnston's paternal great-grandparents lived near Hannastown before the Revolutionary war, and were the victims of many assaults by hostile Indians.

John Johnston, one of the sons of the pioneers, was born in 1796, and was thrice married, having no issue by the first marriage. By the second marriage there were five children: Charles, Joseph, Eliza, wife of John Martin; J. K. and William F., see forward. The third marriage was without children.

William F. Johnston, son of John Johnston, married Jemima Dillar, and their family consisted of the following children: Samuel D., see forward; Elida M., deceased; John R.; Lillie, deceased; Inez, also deceased; and Jennie, widow of Alva McQuiston, of Saltsburg. The father of the family died in 1872, and was survived many years by his widow, who expired in 1896.

Samuel D. Johnston, son of William F. and Jemima (Dillar) Johnston, was born in November, 1858, in Loyalhanna township, where his education was acquired in the common schools, which he attended until his fourteenth year. At that time, in consequence of the death of his father, he assumed control of the business, which he successfully conducted, under the supervision and guidance of his mother, until his eighteenth year. He then went to Pittsburg to learn the millwright's trade, remaining in that city six years. At the end of that time he went to Ligonier to put in and adjust the machinery of the Booth and Flynn mills, a task which occupied him two years. Upon its completion he took a position with the Pennsylvania railroad company, which he held three years, and in 1892 moved to Avonmore, where he has since resided. He has been instrumental in the building of many of the principal structures in that borough, the churches and a number of the best residences being monuments of his handiwork. In 1903 he erected the building of the National Cast Steel Company, in whose service he has continued to the present time. He is a Republican in politics, and a Presbyterian in religious belief. December 18, 1889, he married Martha, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jane (Couch) Alcorn, of Bell township, and of the three children born to them but one survives: Aileen Andrey Johnston.

**JOHN E. ANDERSON.** The paternal grandfather of John E. Anderson, of Avonmore, was the first of the family to come to Pennsylvania. He settled in Clarion county and later moved to Armstrong county, where he reared his family and spent the remainder of his life. He is buried in the Leechburg cemetery.

His son, Samuel B. Anderson, married Sarah M. Hoover, and their family

consisted of the following children: Martha Jane, wife of W. F. Phillips, of Leechburg; Thomas J., of Tarentum; Albert Elder, deceased; Maria Catharine, wife of William Nohl, of Canton, Ohio; W. M., of Leechburg; John E., of whom later; Samuel M., of Canton, Ohio; and Laura May, wife of William Jack, of Canton. Mrs. Anderson, the mother, died in 1902, after a widowhood of fourteen years, her husband having passed away in 1888.

John E. Anderson, son of Samuel B. and Sarah M. (Hoover) Anderson, was born December 6, 1859, at Donley Station, Armstrong county, and in 1871 accompanied his parents to Leechburg. He attended the public schools and afterward worked with his father at teaming until 1888. At that time he took a position with the Leechburg Foundry & Machine Company, and in 1891, on the building of the West Pennsylvania foundry at Avonmore, he moved to that place in order to become engineer for the West Pennsylvania Foundry & Machine Company. This position he has since continuously filled. He belongs to Lodge No. 405, Maccabees, of Avonmore, and Lodge No. 651, I. O. O. F., of Leechburg. He is also identified with Council No. 1045, Royal Arcanum, of Leechburg, in which order he has held several offices. In politics he stands for the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the Hebron Lutheran church. He married, March 26, 1890, Amanda, daughter of John and Emily (Williams) Ray, of Saltsburg, and they are the parents of four children: Sarah Emily, John Ray, Albert Elder, and Samuel Milo.

**WILLIAM C. WEICHSEL.** The father of William C. Weichsel, of Avonmore, was Philip Weichsel, a native of Germany, whence, in 1850, he emigrated to the United States, settling in Wheeling, West Virginia. At the beginning of the Civil war he offered his services to his adopted country, and upon the expiration of his enlistment, which was in the infantry, re-enlisted, this time in the cavalry, and served until the close of the war.

Mr. Weichsel married, in 1853, in Wheeling, West Virginia, Barbara Rapp, who came from Germany in 1852, and they were the parents of seven children: Henry, Lizzie, Edward, William C., see forward; George, and two who died in infancy. Mr. Weichsel died April 17, 1893, and is survived by his widow, who resides in Wheeling.

William C. Weichsel, son of Philip and Barbara (Rapp) Weichsel, was born June 12, 1862, in Wheeling, West Virginia, and received his education in his native city. At an early age he obtained employment in a glass factory where he remained until eighteen years of age, and then worked in a sheet-mill in Wheeling until 1886; was afterwards engaged at the Laughlin mills for about eight months; then entered the sheet mill of Wallace Banfield, which was subsequently made a tin mill, of Irondale, Ohio, the first of its kind in the United States. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Weichsel has been connected with the tin mill industry since its inception in this country, after the passage of the McKinley bill. After four years' experience in the mill at Irondale he took the position of manager in the Oliver Fifteenth street tin mill, in Pittsburg, where he passed another four years, and at the end of that time became manager of the tin mill at Avonmore. This mill was built in 1899. The main building is one hundred by two hundred feet, and the tinning department sixty by one hundred and twenty feet. The capacity is about fifteen thousand boxes monthly. This plant gives employment to two hundred people, the payroll being from ten thousand to twelve thousand dollars monthly. The president is W. H. Hilliard, of Pittsburg; the vice-president, M. M. Garland, and the secretary and treasurer Oliver Wylie, of the same city. Fraternally Mr. Weichsel is connected with Franklin Lodge, No. 122, F. and A. M., Pittsburg,

Lodge No. 405, Maccabees, Avonmore. He is a Republican in politics and adheres to the faith of the Presbyterian church. He married, in 1891, Alice daughter of Hugh McBane, of Irondale, Ohio, and they are the parents of a son and a daughter, Otto and Rhea.

JOHN JACOB BLANK, a prosperous and progressive agriculturist, and a descendant of an old and honored German lineage, was born on the paternal estate, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 2, 1842.

George A. Blank, grandfather of John J. Blank, was born about thirty miles north of Philadelphia, in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, in 1792. At the instance of his uncle, Jacob Berger, whose wife was Margaret Blank, sister of the father of George A., he came to Westmoreland county and resided with them for several years, they having no children of their own. Jacob Berger was a very wealthy farmer for his day, and was prominently identified with the affairs of the community. By dint of hard work and prudent management George A. Blank acquired sufficient capital to purchase a farm in Hempfield township, to which he added from time to time, and at his death in 1865 was the owner of about six hundred acres of land. He was a shoemaker by trade, having served his apprenticeship at Germantown, Pennsylvania. He was active and influential in local affairs, was an elder in the Lutheran church, and a firm adherent of Democratic principles. He married Catharine Shelley, who was a native of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and eleven children were born to them. Mrs. Blank survived her husband, passing away in 1875.

Jonas Blank, father of John J. Blank, was born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. Having been reared on a farm he naturally chose that occupation for his life work, and continued the same until his retirement from active business, thereby gaining a comfortable livelihood, and a goodly competence for his declining years. He held all the local offices in the Lutheran church, in which body he held membership for many years. He, like his father, was a Democrat in politics. He married, in 1841, Charlotte Bierer, daughter of John Bierer, who bore him eleven children. Mrs. Blank is also a member of the Lutheran church, and in all the relations of life has performed her duties faithfully and well.

John J. Blank was reared on a farm, educated in the common schools, and resided with his parents up to the time of his marriage, with the exception of two years spent in Venango county. After his marriage he settled on his present farm, in Hempfield township, and by making a practical study of the principles of good farming, has been enabled to realize a goodly profit from his labors. He is thorough-going, methodical and practical, and his farm is one of the best cultivated and most productive in that section. He served as supervisor of the township for three years. He is a member of the Greensburg Lutheran church, and a Democrat in politics, but his first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln.

December 19, 1869, Mr. Blank was united in marriage to Miss Lavinia Kepple, who was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1841, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Demer) Kepple. Their children are: Matilda, born October 4, 1870, wife of Jacob Kline, and mother of four children: Elizabeth, John, Wade, and Luella Marv Kline, Irwin B., born March 17, 1873; Valetta M., born June 27, 1875, died February 17, 1901; she was a teacher in the public schools from the age of seventeen years until her death at the age of twenty-five; Cora L., July 7, 1877; Jacob



K., October 7, 1879; George A., December 9, 1881; Jonas P., August 2, 1887.

**WILLIAM HARRY SUTTON.** John P. Sutton, father of William Harry Sutton, of Vandergrift, was born February 4, 1845, in Michigan, and in early manhood migrated with his widowed mother to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where he found employment in the rolling department of the steel works. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted and served for three years, returning home on his twenty-first birthday. He resumed work in the mills, but after a short time resigned and went to Indiana county, where for a few years he was employed in farm work. Subsequently he worked for several years at coal mining, and later labored in the oil fields. In 1902 he retired and moved to Vandergrift, where he resides with his daughter, Mrs. Snyder. He belongs to Apollo Post, G. A. R., affiliates with the Republican party, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Anna Mauk, born June 8, 1848, in Somerset county, and their children were: William Harry, see forward; Robert E., of Cokeville; Samuel M., a roller in the Vandergrift mills; Mary E., wife of Charles Wilson, sheet-heater in Vandergrift mills; and Maggie, wife of Albert Snyder, roller in Vandergrift mills. Mrs. Sutton, the mother of the family, died in Cokeville, August 6, 1901.

William Harry Sutton, son of John P. and Anna (Mauk) Sutton, was born July 9, 1869, in Indiana county, and until his fourteenth year attended the common schools. During his last winter at school he rose early and from six o'clock until eight worked in the mines. He then went home, changed his clothes, and at the ringing of the school bell was in his seat. After his return from school he was employed at home with the chores. For the next ten years he was engaged in mining, with the exception of a few months following the Johnstown flood, when he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in bridge repairs. In 1894 he moved to Apollo and secured employment in the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company. After working some two weeks as a laborer he was advanced to the position of sheerman and at the end of three months was made pair-heater, in which capacity he served about two years and a half. His next promotion was to the position of sheet-heater, which he filled some four years and a half, and in the spring of 1901 was given the place of roller, which he now fills.

On coming to Vandergrift he was elected the first registrar and assessor, and at the expiration of his term was re-elected. In April, 1900, he was appointed to fill an unexpired term of three months in the school board, and at the end of this short period was elected. Three years later he was re-elected, and since June, 1904, has been president of the board. He has filled the office of tax collector and, while a resident of Cokeville, was school director. He belongs to Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, F. and A. M., the Royal Arcanum, and the American Insurance Union. He is a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he serves as secretary of the official board and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Sutton married, December 29, 1892, Tillie Agnes Austraw, of Cokeville, and they have three children: Ira George, Harriet Ethel, and Olive Grace.

**HARRY H. BAXTER.** The great-grandfather of Harry H. Baxter, of Parnassus, was Robert Baxter, who was born in 1763, in Ireland, whence he emigrated to this country, settling in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there engaging in farming. About 1840, being then advanced in years, he moved to Westmoreland county and took up his abode on Puck-

ety creek, where he passed the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. Robert Baxter married Ester Redick, a daughter of Captain Redick, of the Scotch army, and they were the parents of three sons: Andrew, Robert, and James, mentioned hereinafter. Robert Baxter, the father, died in 1867, having lived to the extraordinary age of one hundred and four years.

James Baxter, son of Robert and Ester (Redick) Baxter, was born in 1794, in Allegheny county, and spent his after life as a farmer in Westmoreland county. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church. His wife was Susan Porter, and their children were: Robert, John, mentioned hereinafter; Andrew, James, Mary Jane and Ester.

John Baxter, son of James and Susan (Porter) Baxter, was born in 1822, in Westmoreland county, where he lived until about the year 1886, devoting himself, like his father and grandfather, to agriculture. He then removed to Leechburg, Pennsylvania, and spent the remainder of his life in retirement. He was a member of the Free Methodist church. Mr. Baxter married Margaret Ann, daughter of Abijah Hays, and their children were: Emma, wife of John Williams, of Leechburg; Miriam, wife of Albert Simons; Harry H., mentioned hereinafter; Charles W., farmer on the homestead; Clara J., deceased, wife of J. W. Reimer; John R., roller in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania; Lellie A., wife of Ira Butler, of Leechburg; and Jennie B., deceased.

Harry H. Baxter, son of John and Margaret Ann (Hays) Baxter, was born in 1856, on a farm in Westmoreland county, receiving his education in the common schools of the neighborhood and in those of Parnassus, passing thence to Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. At the age of twenty-one he began farming for himself and continued to give his attention to agricultural pursuits until 1888, when he moved to Leechburg, where for about seven years he was engaged in mercantile business. He then settled in Avonmore, where he was for one year secretary and treasurer of the West Penn Foundry & Machine Company, after which he spent two years on a farm and then removed to Parnassus, where he now resides. After taking up his abode in Parnassus he helped organize the New Kensington Fiber Plaster Company, of which he is general manager. The company is building up a trade in excess of their output which is about twenty-five tons daily. Mr. Baxter held for one term the office of school director, and in his political affiliations is a Republican. Mr. Baxter married Annie E., daughter of Aaron and Mary A. Reimer, and their children were: Nellie B., wife of William McBane, of Avonmore; Aaron R., student in the Western University of Pennsylvania; Albert W., employed in general passenger department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Harry S., died at the age of thirteen; John, at home; and Ira, at home.

HENRY REAMER ZIMMERMAN, proprietor of a large farm near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a representative of the third generation of his family in that county.

I. Jacob Zimmerman, grandfather of Henry Reamer Zimmerman, was a resident of Berks county, Pennsylvania, migrated to Westmoreland county in 1800, where he purchased a farm, settled on it, and passed the remainder of his life. At his death this farm fell into the possession of his son George.

II. George Zimmerman, son of Jacob Zimmerman, was born in 1798, and died in 1858. He lived on the farm of his father, which he had inherited, and which he cultivated very successfully. He married, in 1825, Elizabeth Reamer, who died in 1890. She was the daughter of Jacob Reamer, who lived on his own farm, on the present site of Hufftown. She was the grand-

daughter of Henry Reamer, who owned three hundred acres of land, which is now in the possession of the fourth generation. Henry Reamer was a farmer and a miller. George and Elizabeth (Reamer) Zimmerman had children: Jacob, who served in the civil war; Henry Reamer, of whom later; John, who also took an active part in the civil war. He was first sergeant in Company I, Eleventh Regiment, and participated in a number of the most important battles, notably the following: Gettysburg; Antietam; The Wilderness; Bull Run. He was wounded twice, and in the battle of Bull Run he had the tip of his nose shot off. Sophia. George Zimmerman, father of these children, died 1858. He was a Democrat in politics, a member of the Lutheran church and a deacon for many years.

III. Henry Reamer Zimmerman, second son and child of George and Elizabeth (Reamer) Zimmerman, was born in Hempfield township, on the farm which he now owns, November 4, 1837. He received his education at the Stouffer schoolhouse. He follows the occupation of farming, and for many years ran a threshing machine. His farm is a model of cultivation. He owns the old homestead, with the exception of sixty-nine acres, which are in the possession of his brother Jacob. He spends, not alone time and labor on his farm, but thought, and is ready to adopt any new methods of cultivation which have been tested and met with scientific approval. He is a staunch Republican and was Supervisor three years. He is a member of the Lutheran church of Greensburg, of which he was deacon for many years. He married, August 29, 1861, Rev. George W. Mechling performing the ceremony, Catherine Blank, daughter of Ephraim Blank, a farmer of Hempfield township. Henry Reamer and Catherine (Blank) Zimmerman have had thirteen children: 1. Marion Louis, born August 8, 1862, married Mary Welty, daughter of John Steiner and Nancy (Kilgore) Welty. 2. Melville Aaron, March 7, 1864, married Ellen Beistel, and they have children: Nancy Jane; Catherine Pearl; Henry; Frank; Mary, and Simon. 3. Charles Baker, October 7, 1865; died June 19, 1885. 4. Elizabeth Kate, April 7, 1867, married Simon R. Sommers; has four children: Joseph, Caressa Grace, Charles, Oliver Howard. 5. George Henry, May 9, 1870. 6. Ephraim Blank, November 1, 1871; married Catherine Brinker. 7. John Isaac, May 16, 1873; married Elizabeth Pearl Brown; have one child: John Karl. 8. Lucinda Hannah, March 5, 1875; married Howard Wagner and has one child: Elma Romayne. 9. Minerva Anna, August 31, 1876; married Amos Hoffman, and has children: Leona Grace, Josephine, and Wilmer Henry. 10. Ada Novella, June 4, 1879; married Charles Thomas Stouffer. 11. Elsie Mabel, February 14, 1881; married Ira Wingert. 12. Jane Kilgore, October 10, 1883. She is unmarried and lives at home. 13. Edward Joseph, November 10, 1884.

DANIEL R. BLOWER. The ancestors of Daniel R. Blower, of North Belle Vernon, were English. His grandfather was a miner, and his father, Joseph Blower, was put to work in the mines as early as his eighth year. As he reached manhood he became a mine contractor in the building of shafts, in mine timbering and in general mining work. He acquired the skill of an expert in the business as well as a thorough knowledge of mining in all its departments. In 1882 he emigrated to the United States in company with his son Emanuel, his son Joseph having preceded him some years before. The remainder of the family followed him a year later. He settled at Old Eagle (now Elklone), Pennsylvania, and after remaining there a short time moved across the river to Buffalo Patch. One year later he went to River-

view, where for five or six years he was connected with mining. His next migration was to Bunola, where he lived four years, going thence to Lucyville. He was there associated with mining for some eight years, and during his stay there broke up housekeeping, in view of the fact that his wife had died, the children, with the exception of three, being married and having homes of their own. Later he went to Webster, and then returned to Lucyville, moving thence to Brownsville and afterward to Brycedale, where he is now employed in mine timbering in mine No. 2 of the Pittsburg Coal Company. He married Ann Wallet, and of their twelve children the following survive: Hannah, who is the wife of William Blower, of Belle Vernon, foreman of mine No. 4 of the Pittsburg Coal Company; Joseph, who is a mine operator at Trimble, Ohio; Emma, who is married to Frank Ellis, of Traverse City, Michigan; Emanuel, who lives at Lucyville; Elizabeth, who is married to Elias L. Morris, of Naomi, Pennsylvania; Mary, who is the wife of Charles Elliott, of Twilight, Pennsylvania; Enoch, who is mine foreman at Trimble, Ohio; and Daniel R., of whom later.

Daniel R. Blower, son of Joseph and Ann (Wallet) Blower, was born February 19, 1876, in Derbyshire, England, and received his education in the common schools of his birthplace and in the night schools of Bunola and Riverview. His educational advantages were not as great as had been those of the elder children, but he was ambitious and availed himself to the full of every opportunity. In his twelfth year he began to work in the mines as trapper boy and furnace-tender, afterward working in the pit at cave digging. In his eighteenth year he began to operate a mining machine and continued to do so for two years, after which he was employed for one year in timbering and track laying on the roads. He was then placed in the position of "hooking on slopes," and afterward in that of "spragging on trips," working four months at each branch of the business. His next employment was running a dynamo engine for one year, and for eighteen months thereafter he was machine boss of mines. He was then made "bratticeing slope," in which capacity he served about three months, at the end of that time becoming fire boss of the Equitable mines, in Webster. He remained there some five months, and on April 1, 1902, was offered and accepted his present position of foreman of Somers mine No. 2 of the Pittsburg Coal Company, at Brycedale. He has served one year as a member of the town council in North Belle Vernon, where he resides. He belongs to Charleroi Lodge, No. 615, F. and A. M., Monongahela Chapter, No. 249, R. A. M and McKean Commandery, No. 80, Knights Templar, of Charleroi. He affiliates with the Republican party and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married, November 27, 1901, Christina Louise Harley, of Uniontown, and two children have been born to them, one of whom, John Harley, is now living.

WILLIAM E. ROPP. The grandfather of William E. Ropp, of West Newton, was in the service of President William Henry Harrison, having charge of his landed estate at Cleves, Ohio. He was John Ropp, and his son, John L. Ropp, was born at Culpeper Court House, Virginia, and when about seventeen years of age went West with his parents. He was subsequently employed in Indiana in the construction of the Big Four Railroad, and on the completion of this work was made a conductor on the road running from Indianapolis to Lawrenceburg. He remained in this position fifteen years, and then resigned in order to accept the superintendency of the Collier Budd Coal Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. In this position he served until his death. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church and a man

of influence. He married Mary Miller, and they were the parents of the following children: Benjamin, who lives in Cincinnati; George, who is a resident of the same city; John A., who is foreman of the Reduction Works at West Newton; Ella, who is the wife of Frederick Michaels, of Cincinnati; and William E., of whom later. The death of Mr. Ropp occurred about 1882, and his widow passed away about twelve years later.

William E. Ropp, son of John L. and Mary (Miller) Ropp, was born March 31, 1876, in Cincinnati, and was but six years old at the time of the death of his father. It was owing to the heroic exertions of his mother that the family was kept together and successfully reared. He was educated in the public schools and at Bartlett Business College, Cincinnati. At the age of eighteen he was deprived by death of the mother who had done so much for him, and he then accepted a position with the I. & N. railroad as billing clerk in the Indianapolis office. Two years later he resigned this position and returned to Cincinnati where he entered the service of the Cincinnati Desiccating Company. In 1898 he went to West Newton and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his present position, that of assistant superintendent of the West Newton plant of the American Reduction Company of Pittsburg. He is a member of West Newton Lodge, No. 440, I. O. O. F., McKeesport Lodge, No. 136, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the I. O. O. F. Encampment. In the sphere of politics he works with and for the Republican party. He married, April 16, 1905, Anna L. Dougherty, of Waynesburg, Ohio.

**MICHAEL DAVID HOYMAN.** Prominent among the younger generation of prosperous farmers, in Mount Pleasant township, is Michael David Hoyman, son of the late Henry Hoyman, of Donegal township, Pennsylvania, and Catherine (Hays) Hoyman.

Michael David Hoyman was born in Donegal, September 6, 1875. Reared upon a farm his opportunities for acquiring an education were confined to the public schools of his immediate neighborhood, and at the age of sixteen years he was thrown upon his own inherent resources by the death of his father. Experience in various available occupations having brought him to the conclusion that the independent life of a farmer was far more desirable than any other calling within his reach, he accordingly, in 1892, purchased the John Freeman farm, which was formerly known as the old Byerly farm, and possessing the spirit of energy necessary for the rapid acquirement of success he was in due time able to secure possession of the entire property. He is now the owner of one hundred acres of desirably located and exceedingly fertile land, which is well improved, and under his able direction its present high state of cultivation will never be allowed to deteriorate. Politically he acts with the Republican party. In his religious belief he is a Methodist. On July 18, 1897, Mr. Hoyman was united in marriage with Ethel Albert, who was born in Mount Pleasant, June 5, 1877, daughter of the late Abraham Albert, of this township; and they have four children: Phey, who was born September 15, 1898; Catherine, born June 17, 1899 (died July 17, 1901); Audrey, born June 2, 1902; and Helen, born May 4, 1904.

**DANIEL WITT**, one of the well known and respected citizens of Beatty, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in Jenner township, February 23, 1839, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Stern) Witt, the former named having come to this country from Germany at an early day. He attended the common schools adjacent to his home, completing his studies at the age of thirteen years, and then learned the trade of stone mason which

he has followed up to the present time (1905). July 27, 1862, he was united in marriage to Harriet Freeline, who was born in Jenner township, Somerset county, December 4, 1848, a daughter of David and Leah (Kay) Freeline. The following named children were the issue of this marriage: Eleanora, born January 26, 1863, wife of William Barren and mother of two children: Evans and F. B., they reside in West Latrobe. John, born March 11, 1864, deceased. David, born May 4, 1865, resides at home. Anna M., born August 17, 1866, died November 17, 1902; she was the wife of Herman Shaffer, of Union, and their children were as follows: Edward, James, Bessie, Paul, and Martha. Albert G., born February 27, 1868, resides at home. William Edgar, born August 1, 1869, resides at home. Minna, born January 31, 1870, became the wife of Harry King and mother of one child, Catherine, they reside in Latrobe. Maria Agnes, born April 18, 1871, wife of Roy Greene, no issue; they reside in Jeannette. Sarah Matilda, born August 29, 1872, wife of Fred Crator and mother of one child, Charles; they reside in Greensburg. James C., born February 20, 1874, married Lillie Abermathey, and they have one child, Hazel. Nancy J., born July 31, 1876, resides at home. Emma L., born July 31, 1877, resides at home. Caroline, born March 21, 1879, became the wife of Thomas Johnson, and they reside in Pittsburg. Ira M., born March 8, 1881, resides at home. Bessie Ethel, born January 25, 1883, resides at home. Ethel Pearl, born February 8, 1887, became the wife of Harris Wyble, a resident of Youngwood; they are the parents of one child, Kenneth Albert, who married Maud Dunlap, who died October 17, 1904, leaving three children: Edna, Daniel and Gladys. Millie M., born August 8, 1888, resides at home.

JAMES McCUNE, of Hempfield township, is a son of John and Martha Jane (Filbrook) McCune, and grandson of James McCune, of Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. His grandfather, born March 3, 1802, died December 28, 1847, married Rose Anna Graham, who was born in 1800. She survived her husband many years and her death occurred November 26, 1893. James and Rose Anna McCune were the parents of seven children: Gilbert, born July 18, 1825; Catherine, born January 14, 1828; Samuel, born February 10, 1831; Margaret, born September 28, 1834; Alvira, June 19, 1837; Robert, born July 20, 1840; and John, born October 13, 1821.

John McCune was a native of Elizabeth township, where his early years were spent upon a farm, and the active period of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. For nearly forty years he resided in Hempfield, and his death occurred in that township, April 24, 1899. He was married February 18, 1847, to Martha Jane Filbrook, who was born in Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, November 9, 1825. She became the mother of ten children: Anna Jane, born December 31, 1847; Emma, born October 20, 1849; Thomas Filbrook, born September 24, 1851; James, see forward; Nancy Thompson, born February 28, 1856; John, born June 25, 1859; Harry Lincoln, born February 1, 1861; Mathew Wilson, born February 12, 1863; Ida Belle, born May 17, 1865; and Samuel, born June 23, 1870. Mrs. Martha Jane McCune died August 15, 1894.

James McCune was born in Elizabeth township, March 10, 1854. His parents came to reside in Hempfield when he was eight years old, and during his boyhood and youth his time was interspersed between attending school and assisting his father upon the homestead farm. He has resided in Hempfield continuously for more than forty years, and is well and favorably known

in this locality. On March 6, 1879, Mr. McCune was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Gress, who was born in Adamsburg, this county, May 15, 1857, daughter of Daniel Gress, of that township. Mr. and Mrs. McCune have a family of seven children: John, born February 14, 1881; Mary Gress, August 2, 1883; Martha Jane, July 4, 1885; Cora Belle, March 20, 1887; Bessie, August 17, 1889; Daniel Gress, August 17, 1893; and Emma Miller McCune, December 30, 1897. All are living at home excepting Mary Gress, who is now the wife of Albert Whitehead, of Erwin, Pennsylvania, and is residing in East McKeesport, this state.

**WILLIAM FRANKLIN ADAIR**, a resident of Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in Washington township, February 13, 1851, the son of James Adair, who was born about 1815, and grandson of Archibald Adair, who was a native of Ireland and emigrated to this country.

November 7, 1878, Mr. Adair was married to Mary Elizabeth McCauley, the daughter of John McCauley, who was born in Ireland and emigrated to this country at the age of eighteen, about 1822, and died in 1875. The following named children were the result of this marriage union: Cleo Edna, born November 15, 1879, and married, September 15, 1902, James M. Linhart, and one daughter, Helen Adair, was born April 25, 1903; Anna, born May 9, 1881, married Robert F. Steele, son of John Steele, June 4, 1902, and they have one child, Florence Eleanor, born March 15, 1903; Carrie Bell, born November 24, 1882; John Floyd, September 4, 1884; Laura Janet, September 11, 1888, and Robert Calvin, September 8, 1890.

**JOSIAH D. RUBRIGHT**. The paternal grandfather of Josiah D. Rubright, of Weister, was a native of Northampton county, whence, about 1800, he migrated to Westmoreland. His children were: Barbara, John, Susan, Mary, Catharine, Nancy, George, Noah, Jacob, of whom later, and four who died early in life.

Jacob Rubright, son of the pioneer, was born in Franklin township, and was a farmer, owning and operating one hundred and twenty-two acres. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Andrew Walp, a soldier in the war of 1812, whose other children were: George, Reuben, Caroline, Sarah and Kate A. The family were natives of Franklin township. Mr. and Mrs. Rubright were the parents of: Andrew, deceased; James; Josiah D., of whom later; George; Annie, deceased; Jane; Jacob, deceased; and Mary, also deceased. Mrs. Rubright died in 1882 and the death of Mr. Rubright occurred in 1895.

Josiah D. Rubright, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Walp) Rubright, was born September 12, 1862, in Franklin township, and there received his education. He early turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and in 1901 moved to Washington township, where he purchased the old J. C. Christy estate. This consists of one hundred and eighteen acres, which he devotes to general farming. He has been twice married. His first wife was Myrtle Stark, to whom three children were born: Alfred, Homer and John. After the death of their mother Mr. Rubright married Mrs. Ramaley, nee Kunkle, who was the mother of two children by her former marriage: Frank and Mabel. Mr. and Mrs. Rubright have one child: Mildred Rubright.

**HENRY H. SMITH**. Deming numbers among her old residents and worthy citizens Henry H. Smith. Mr. Smith was born in Virginia, December 20, 1833, and is the son of Joseph Smith. His education was obtained in the common schools, and he learned in early life the trade of a wagon-

maker, but followed it for a few years only, preferring to devote himself to agricultural pursuits. In these he has passed nearly all his life. In 1862 he enlisted in the Fifty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. His political principles and opinions are those advocated and upheld by the Republican party. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church. He married, in 1859, Caroline, a native of Westmoreland county, daughter of Samuel Stairs, and the following children were born to them: John, Susan, Joseph, Elizabeth, Isaac, George, Esther, Harry, Watson, David, who is deceased; James, and Isah.

JOHN BEATTY, JR. Among the many beautiful and fertile farms which abound in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, which show the results, not alone of thrift, industry, and cultivation, but also that the most progressive and scientific methods have been called into play to render them the pride of their owners, we must not overlook that belonging to John Beatty, Jr., which ranks as a model farm in every respect. Mr. Beatty traces his descent to Irish and German ancestry, who nobly bore their share in defense of the country of their adoption.

Benjamin Beatty, grandfather of John Beatty, Jr., and founder of the family in this country, was born in the county of Derry, Ireland, in 1745. He was quite young when he emigrated from his native land, and upon his arrival here located in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. He was enthusiastic and patriotic, and when the colonies rose in revolt against the tyranny and oppression of England he was one of the first to enlist in the Continental army in 1776. He was one of that brave band of patriots, who on the night of December 25, 1776, crossed the Delaware amidst snow and ice, and under the personal command of Washington fought and won the battle of Trenton, and were equally victorious in other engagements during that memorable struggle. His honorable discharge from the army is attested by papers still in the possession of some of his descendants. He resided on a farm in Adams county, Pennsylvania, in 1785, and in 1809 sold this and removed to Washington county, Pennsylvania. The following year he purchased from Marmaduke Wilson, his brother-in-law, the farm known as "Sportman," at Beatty Station, Pennsylvania railroad, in Unity township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He immediately made his home on it, and built the first bank barn in the township the following spring. This farm had been patented May 7, 1790, by James Hunter, who had taken up six hundred acres of land prior to securing the patent, but sold part of the farm, retaining for himself two hundred and seventy-six acres. The portion sold was purchased by Rev. Theodore Brouwers, and is now the property of the Order of St. Benedict or St. Vincent Abbey. He lived to a hale and hearty old age, his death occurring at Beatty Station, Pennsylvania railroad, June 2, 1831. He married, 1785, Martha Chamberlain, of German descent, born in 1755, died September 6, 1845, in her ninety-first year. Their children were: Hamilton, of whom later; John, Jami-son, Samuel, Ann, married ———— O'Brien; Mary, married ———— Osborn; Elizabeth, married (first) ———— Sloan; married (second) John Lightcap; Martha, married William Cochran; Marjora, married William McFarland; Susan, married Jonathan Tittle.

Hamilton Beatty, son of Benjamin and Martha (Chamberlain) Beatty, was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, in 1786. Hamilton and his brother John purchased the farm of their father in 1824, and at their death this property passed into the hands of John Beatty, Jr. Hamilton Beatty served with honor in the War of 1812, and aided in building Fort Meigs. He was an in-





*John Beatty, Jr.*



dustrious farmer, a respected citizen, and served his town in various local offices. Politically he was a Democrat, and his church affiliations were with the Unity Presbyterian church, of which he was one of the most consistent members, and filled the office of elder for a period of fifty-six years. He died at his home at Beatty Station, July 10, 1871. He married, September 1, 1817, Sarah Anderson, born September 27, 1796, died May 25, 1879 daughter of Colonel William and Nancy (Tittle) Anderson. They had seven children, three of whom died in infancy. Those who attained maturity were: Nancy Tittle, born August 1, 1818, widow of John George, resides at Wilksburg, Pennsylvania; John, Jr., born September 14, 1826, of whom later; Martha Chamberlain, born August 9, 1829, married Joseph Baldrige, died in 1903. Sarah Ann, born March 1, 1835, widow of Major Samuel Adams, resides in Beatty Station.

John Beatty, Jr., second child and only son of the surviving children of Hamilton and Sarah (Anderson) Beatty, was born and reared on the farm which he now owns, September 14, 1826. His education was acquired in the common schools of the township and at Elders Ridge Academy, Indiana county. After leaving school he began his active career as a farmer, an occupation he has successfully followed all the busy years of his life. The old Beatty homestead, his home, contains two hundred acres in all, in a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Beatty is a well read man on all subjects, especially in agriculture in all its branches, and conducts his farming operations in the most approved modern method. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served the township as school director for twenty years. He has always taken the deepest interest in educational, religious and all matters pertaining to the welfare of the people. He is a member of the Unity Presbyterian church, in which institution he served for many years as trustee. He took an active part in the erection of the new church edifice in 1874, devoting time and labor to the preparation of the ground, and the laying out of the beautiful cemetery at Unity. He is a member of Gravel Hill Grange, No. 849, P. of H., and of Latrobe Lodge, No. 30, A. O. of U. W. Mr. Beatty married, June 20, 1855, Eliza Jane Chambers, born June 22, 1832, only daughter of William and Elizabeth (Leasure) Chambers, (see sketch of William Chambers), and sister of Eli Chambers, former treasurer of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Her education was obtained at the public schools and at Sewickley Academy. She was a member of Unity Presbyterian church, and died September 19, 1891. The children of John and Eliza Jane (Chambers) Beatty were:

1. Charles Albert, who at the time of his death, March 31, 1882, was a student at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, having previously been graduated from Washington and Jefferson College.
2. Lizzie Leasure, educated in the public schools of the township, the Latrobe high school, and at the Washington Female Seminary. She is her father's home-keeper and faithful daughter.
3. Jessie Quindora, died March 15, 1863, aged one year.
4. John Hamilton, educated in the township schools, and is a graduate of the Latrobe high school. He is a farmer and manages the homestead farm, where he resides near his father. He married, October 12, 1893, Nettie Beam, and has three children: Charles Albert, John Leasure, and Julia Elizabeth. John Hamilton is a Democrat.
5. Sarah Stella, educated in the same schools as her sister Lizzie, and became a professional nurse, being graduated from the Western Pennsylvania Hospital at Pittsburgh, where she is now one of the head nurses.
6. Lillian May, educated in the same schools as her sisters, and in addition was for three years a student at a Chicago kindergarten college. She is now director of the indergarten department in the Bryant public school, in

Chicago, Illinois. 7. William Chambers, educated in the public schools, and is a graduate of the Latrobe high school, Greensburg Seminary and Wyoming Seminary. After this thorough preparation he entered Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, taking a four years' course in mechanical engineering, and graduating in 1903. After leaving Cornell he was successively employed by the Osborne Harvester Company and the Cambria Steel Company. He is now assistant superintendent and mechanical engineer at the Iroquois Iron Works, Buffalo, New York. He married, October 30, 1905, Edith R. Graves, of Ithaca, New York, who is also a graduate of Cornell University.

**WILLIAM McCARTY.** Andrew McCarty, grandfather of William McCarty, of Parnassus, was born in Ireland, and in 1840 emigrated with his wife to the United States, settling in Allegheny county, New York, where he devoted the remainder of his life to farming. His wife was Margaret Haggerty, and they had one child: Daniel, mentioned hereinafter. The death of Mr. McCarty occurred in 1850.

Daniel McCarty, son of Andrew and Margaret (Haggerty) McCarty, was born in 1836, in Ireland, and was but four years old when brought by his parents to the United States. For a few years he engaged in farming in Allegheny county, New York. During the Civil war he served for a time in the Union army, and in 1865 settled in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, where he worked on the railroad and also engaged in mining in the oil regions. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. McCarty married Mary McDermott, and their children were: William, mentioned hereinafter; Catharine, wife of John McGregor; Margaret, wife of Frederick Opperman; Andrew, of Virginia; Edward W., of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; John, of Oil City; Mary, widow of Jacob Fechter; and Daniel, of Oil City. Mr. McCarty, the father, died in 1900.

William McCarty, son of Daniel and Mary (McDermott) McCarty, was born May 10, 1859, in Allegheny county, New York, and received his education in the common schools. In early life he began working in the mines of Clarion county, where he was employed for six years. He then entered the service of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company as a brakeman, and in 1882 was promoted to the position of conductor, which he has held continuously ever since. He belongs to the Order of Railroad Conductors, and he and his family are members of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. McCarty married Ellen Horne, and their children were: Daniel B., born September 11, 1888, now learning civil engineering; Mary E., born August 27, 1895, died November 18, 1904; and Elizabeth Virginia, born November 24, 1897. Mrs. McCarty is the daughter of Michael and Ellen Horne, and the granddaughter of Edward and Nancy Horne, the latter couple having emigrated from Ireland in 1848 and settled in Vermont. Michael and Ellen Horne were also Irish immigrants.

**WALTER E. ROUTSON,** general manager of the handle factory of Boucher, Huff & Company, at Ligonier, was born in Ohio, June 29, 1879, and is a representative of a pioneer family of that state. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Routson, was born in that state, where he followed farming throughout his business career. He had thirteen children: Samuel; Ora; Joseph; Ellen, the wife of Frank Branson; Harriett, deceased wife of Isaiah Finefrock; Eliza, wife of Daniel Swank; William; and four who died in infancy.

Ora Routson, father of Walter E. Routson, was born in Bloomington,

Ohio, in 1856, and in early life worked on his father's farm. Later he was connected with the grocery business for several years, and subsequently was in the employ of the Standard Oil Company as pressman for nine years. Since that time he has engaged in business as a carpenter. He married Miss Jennie Hupp, and they have five children: Walter; Ernest; Taswell; Myrtle, wife of Samuel Cain; and Ada Alice.

Walter Routson largely acquired his education in night schools, for necessity compelled his earning his own living from the time he was ten years of age. He began working in a handle factory, and has since been connected with similar enterprises, mastering the business in all of its departments, as his ability won him promotion from one position to another. In March, 1902, he entered the employ of Boucher, Huff & Company, as general manager of their handle factory in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, and by close application and unremitting diligence has developed this into a profitable, productive enterprise. He married Bessie Lusk, and they now have three children: Margaret, born March 22, 1901; James, born March 27, 1902; and Forest Harold, September 23, 1904.

EDWARD C. LAUFFER, a farmer of Penn township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a son of Jacob F. and Susanna (Cribbs) Lauffer, was born in Penn township, October 10, 1854.

Henry Lauffer (grandfather) was a farmer by occupation. His wife was a Miss Gress, and their children were: Hannah, Mary Ann, John, Jacob F., Samuel and Simion.

Jacob F. Lauffer (father) was born in 1822, and is still living, well and active, (1905). He is by occupation a farmer, and was an elder in the Reformed church. He married Susanna Cribbs, a daughter of Christian Cribbs. Mrs. Lauffer was born in 1824 and died in 1891. The children of this marriage were: Priscilla, married Jacob Fry, ten children; she died in 1904; Mary, wife of Z. Brinker, five children: Henry, married Josephine Beamer; four children; Hannah, wife of James Steele, and mother of one child; Edward, mentioned hereinafter; Margaret, married Aaron Bushyeager, five children; Sadie, wife of James Beamer, and mother of two children; Nettie, married Elijah Bushyeager, eight children; William, missionary in France; Oliver, was shot while hunting.

Edward C. Lauffer follows the quiet but useful occupation of a farmer, and has achieved the most gratifying success in this line. He is the owner of a farm in Penn township, comprising eighty-five acres of well located land. This he has brought to a high state of cultivation and improvement, and it compares favorably with the finest farms in the county. In politics Mr. Lauffer accords allegiance to the Republican party, and in religious faith is a member of the Reformed church, in which he has been a deacon for seven years. Edward C. Lauffer married, June 24, 1880, Salome M. Waughman, a daughter of Jesse and Frances (Smith) Waugaman, and one of eleven children, viz: George, Albert, David, Sarah, Becky, Salome, (Mrs. Lauffer); Lucy, Ellen, Elizabeth Lydia and Laura. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lauffer have children: Harry G., born December 2, 1881; Jesse H., born June 27, 1883, is now attending the Franklin Marshall College at Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Lloyd, born June 13, 1885; Joseph I., born April 2, 1887; Clarence, born April 29, 1889; Mase, born January 15, 1891; Paul, born August 19, 1892, died September 4 1894; Lulu, born November 1, 1894; Edith, born September 2, 1896, died December 23, 1896; Adella, born March 27, 1901.

NATHAN N. FULLERTON. Among those prominently identified with the varied interests of Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, may be mentioned the name of Nathan N. Fullerton, a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, born January 4, 1844.

The paternal grandparents of Nathan N. Fullerton were William and Jane Fullerton, natives of Scotland, who emigrated to the United States in early life and who were united in marriage in the state of Ohio. Among their children was a son, Henry A., father of Nathan N. Fullerton, who was born in Ohio, reared and educated there, and also learned the trades of shoemaker and miller. Prior to his marriage he came to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and conducted a grist mill near Buena Vista and later at Millville. He then accepted a position with the C. P. Markle and S. B. Markle paper mills, remaining in their employ up to his decease in 1851, which was the result of injuries received by being caught in the machinery. He was a staunch Whig in politics, influential in the councils of the party, but never an office-seeker. Throughout the greater part of his lifetime he was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church. By his marriage to Louisa Newlin, daughter of Nathan Newlin, a farmer of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, eight children were born, five of whom survive, namely: Nathan N., mentioned hereinafter; Byram M., whose personal sketch follows in the work; Margaret J., wife of Isaac Thomas, of Fairmount, Westmoreland county; Henry B., of Washington, Indiana; and Mary, of Mt. Washington, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Nathan N. Fullerton was but twelve years of age when deprived by death of his father, and being the eldest of eight children he remained at home and assumed a portion of the burden of rearing the family, which was left in straightened circumstances, and the responsibility was no small one for a boy of such tender years. The summer following his father's death Nathan N. worked in the paper mills, but during the winter of that year attended school. The following spring he went to work on a farm, and this occupation proving congenial he decided to adopt it for his life work. He enlisted August 14, 1862, in Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving until the close of the war and his record is an unusual one. He participated in thirty-three battles and skirmishes, was four times struck by minie balls and fragments of shells but never disabled, and served every day with his regiment up to the surrender of General Lee. He was then promoted to the rank of orderly under General Pearson, with whom he served up to his discharge in June, 1865. Mr. Fullerton was never arrested nor served a day in the hospital during his service, which was indeed a most remarkable record. After his return from the war he again took up farming, working for his former employer, Samuel Smith, he having entered his employ in 1859. Ten years after the latter date Mr. Smith became the father-in-law of Mr. Fullerton, and after his marriage Mr. Fullerton assumed charge of the property and farmed the same up to the death of Mr. Smith, when a portion of the farm reverted to Mr. and Mrs. Fullerton, who now reside on the same. For one term Mr. Fullerton served as tax collector of Sewickley township, filled a similar period as auditor, and at the present time (1905) is acting in the capacity of assessor and president of the school board of Sewickley township. He is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Baptist church, in which he served many years as trustee; member of J. W. Greenawalt Post, No. 399, Grand Army of the Republic, of Cowansburg, in which he served as commander for a period of between ten and twelve years. Mr. Fullerton married, February 14, 1869, Margaret Smith, daughter of the late Samuel Smith, and four children were the issue, two of whom are living at the present time: Edward, chief engineer

for the Pennsylvania Gas Coal Company, at Blackburn; and Samuel, a carpenter, who resides at home.

BYRAM M. FULLERTON, one of the active and intelligent citizens of Sewickley township, as well as one of its most substantial farmers, was born at Millville, Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1846, son of Henry A. and Louisa (Newlin) Fullerton, and grandson of William and Jane Fullerton, the personal history of whom appears in the preceding sketch.

Byram M. Fullerton was about eight years of age when his father was killed by the machinery in the mill at Millgrove, Pennsylvania, where he was employed, and owing to this sad occurrence he received but a limited education. At this early age he worked for Archie McGrew, and some two years later went to the family of Charles Goehring, residents in the vicinity of Irwin, where he resided some eight years. In 1863 he enlisted in Company K, Fifteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, known as the Anderson Cavalry, and served with them until the close of hostilities, being discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, in June, 1865. Upon his return to civil life he again took up his residence in Irwin, and the following year was employed in the brickyards at that place. He then went to work on the farm of Henry Greenawalt, of Sewickley township, who subsequently became his father-in-law, and after his marriage he removed to the upped end of the farm and cultivated a portion of the estate up to the death of Mr. Greenawalt, at which time the division of the farm was made and Mr. and Mrs. Fullerton received ninety-four acres thereof as their share of the property. The ground is well improved and highly cultivated, and by using the latest improved machinery is made to yield a bountiful harvest, the products being readily disposed of in the nearby markets. Mr. Fullerton has served as supervisor of the township for sixteen years, and has also been a member of the school board for a number of years. He is a Baptist in religion, a Republican in politics, and affiliates with Colonel J. W. Greenawalt Post No. 399, Grand Army of the Republic, of Cowansburg. Mr. Fullerton married November 10, 1870, Martha Greenawalt, daughter of the late Henry Greenawalt, of Sewickley township. Seven children were born to them, three of whom survive: Jacob, who assists his father in the management of the farm; he married Estella Derr. Henry, a machinist, resides at Smithton, Pennsylvania; he married Bertha Lee. Anna, who resides at home.

JESSE LEE SNIVELY, an enterprising and highly esteemed resident of North Irwin, born May 20, 1865, at Acme, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a son of Hiram Snively, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

His education was received in the common schools adjacent to his home. At the age of twelve years he went to live with his grandparents on their farm, one and a half miles from Mammoth, and here he remained until he attained the age of fifteen years, working and attending the schools, and then returned to his home and resided there for one year. At the age of seventeen he went to Ohio, braking on the Cleveland & Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad. Abandoning this he returned to his home, but after a short period of time went to West Virginia, near Kiser, and was employed with a railway construction company. Later he was employed for some time with a steam saw mill at Welty, near Mammoth, after which he procured a position firing on the Pennsylvania railroad, out of Derry, running to Altoona. This position he held for eleven years, coming to Irwin, June 13, 1888, on a night run. For

three years he was the oldest fireman on the Pittsburg division, one of which was spent on construction train work. He received his promotion to the post of engineer, December 26, 1898, running on a coal train from Irwin to Derry. His present run is a day passenger from Irwin to Greensburg by the way of Youghiogheny and Hempfield branches. He is also interested in the real estate business in Irwin and in Pitcairn, in the latter place having an interest in the firm of Shultz & Enyeart, dry goods and groceries, and interested in the Superior White Oak Lumber Company. Mr. Snively is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has served on the official board for more than ten years. He is a Democrat in politics, and a councilman in North Irwin, whither he moved in 1901, and purchased his present residence. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Mr. Snively married, April 26, 1892, Ruth Twigger, daughter of William and Mary (Armstrong) Twigger, of Irwin, Pennsylvania. They have one child, Mary Alta, born July 8, 1894.

JOHN R. LARIMER, a capable and prosperous farmer of the present generation in Stahlstown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a descendent of a family which has cultivated the soil of Pennsylvania for many generations.

Thomas Larimer, the great-grandfather of John R. Larimer, was a farmer in Donegal, and was the father of a numerous family, one of whom was Robert S.

Robert S. Larimer, son of Thomas Larimer, was also a farmer, and became the owner of considerable property in Donegal township. He was a supporter of Democratic principles, an elder in the United Presbyterian church. He married Eleanor Williams, and their children were: William Y., a farmer in Kansas; Elizabeth, married Emmanuel Auman; Rachel, married Jacob Barkley; David, deceased, was a veteran of the great war; Richard W., died in Libby prison during the war; Thomas, migrated to the west, and of whom all trace has been lost; Sarah Jane, died at the age of nineteen years; Mary, married Wesley Morrison; and Simon S., of whom later. Robert S. Larimer died in 1890, aged eighty-four years; his wife died in 1880, at the age of seventy-two years.

Simon S. Larimer, youngest child of Robert S. and Eleanor (Williams) Larimer, was born on the home farm in 1845. He had a thorough and practical knowledge of farming and adopted this as his life vocation. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served his township as assessor. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder. He married, 1868, Mary Amanda Miller, daughter of Jacob and Polly (Nedrow) Miller, and their children are: John R., of whom later; Lizzie, married Nathan J. Monticue, and has nine children; Elmer E., a prosperous merchant of Stahlstown, married Prissie Kooser, and has two children.

John R. Larimer, eldest child of Simon S. and Mary Amanda (Miller) Larimer, was born in Cook township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1869. He was educated in the public schools of Donegal township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He remained on the home farm, assisting his father, until his marriage at the age of twenty-two, when he bought a farm of one hundred acres, one and one-half miles east of Stahlstown, and this he has since cultivated and on it made his home. He is an experienced and intelligent farmer, and the condition of his farm shows that it is controlled by a master hand. Following family practice, Mr. Larimer is a member of the United Presbyterian church, and affiliates with the Democratic party. He married, June 11, 1891, Sadie Monticue, born December 26, 1869,



daughter of Edward and Missouri (Kastner) Monticue. Edward Monticue served with honor in the union army during the civil war. The children of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Larimer are: Ina, born September 5, 1892; Simon, April 24, 1895; Earlin, July 12, 1897; and Ivan M., July 29, 1901.

ALBERT GRANT WENGERT, a valued and highly respected citizen of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, who holds a responsible position in the Kelly & Jones works, and is a school director in his district, is a representative of an honored family of Pennsylvania, which traces its ancestry to Germany.

Peter Wengert, grandfather of Albert Grant Wengert, and the pioneer ancestor of the family in America, was born in Germany, and emigrated to the United States in the early forties. He settled in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburg, where he followed his trade of tailoring for a number of years. He then removed to Westmoreland county, locating on a farm in Ligonier township, in the Ligonier valley, and after a few years removed to Monroe county, Ohio, where he was occupied with farming for several years. He returned to Westmoreland county in 1858, and settled on a farm in Unity township. He married Louisa Schultz, in Germany, and had eight children: 1. Mary Anna, born in Germany, married Jacob Wineman, a farmer of Hempfield township, and had children: Louisa and John. 2. Barbara, born in Germany, died in 1889. 3. Philip, a farmer of Hempfield township, married (first) Catherine Uber, and had children: Clark Harrison, Albert Philip, and Charles Arter. Married (second) Caroline Uber, a sister of his deceased wife, and had children: Minnie Eva, Ira Wesley, and Carrie Salome, who died at the age of two years. He married (third) Mary Spindler, and they had children: Katherine Ada, who died at the age of eight years; Thomas Peter; and Clarence Harvey. 4. Henry, of whom later. 5. Jacob, died at the age of three years. 6. Michael, married (first) Ada Pool, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Baker) Pool, farmers of Hempfield township. He married (second) Capitola Hinkle, and they reside at Hopwood, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. 7. Louisa, married Daniel Armbrust, of Hempfield township, and they have ten children: Luella, married William Smith; Mary, married Charles Wengert; Sadie, deceased; Irene, deceased; George, Anna, John, Lucian, deceased; Ruth and Charles. 8. Margaret, single, resides in Pittsburg.

Henry Wengert, second son and fourth child of Peter and Louisa (Schultz) Wengert, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1847. He was educated in the district schools in Monroe county, Ohio, and returned with his father in the fall of 1858 to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupation of farming for the greater part of his life. He is a man of considerable influence in his community, affiliates with the Republican party, and has served in the common council of the borough of Hufftown for two terms. He is a member of the Baptist church. He married, November 5, 1872, Mary Emma Momyer, daughter of Joseph C. and Louisa (Blackston) Momyer, of Unity township, and they have five children: Albert Grant, of whom later; Della, born August 15, 1876, married Dallas Atkinson, who died February 1, 1899, and they had one child, Ralph, born September 12, 1897; George Robert, born February 28, 1878; married Emily Aman; Mary Elizabeth, married Cyrus Hayden, son of John R. Hayden (see John R. Hayden sketch), and they have one child, Louise Dorothy, born December 24, 1901; Jessie Laura, born September 5, 1886.

Albert Grant Wengert, eldest child of Henry and Mary Emma (Mommery) Wengert, was born in Hempfield township, borough of Youngwood, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1873. He was educated at Todd's, White's and Barnhart's schoolhouses in Hempfield township. For five years he was engaged in various positions in the general store, and then as clerk in Kelly & Jones works, where he has been for the past three years, and where his services are duly appreciated. He is a member of the Baptist church, and is one of the most popular young men of his neighborhood. He is active in his support of the Republican party, and has served several terms as director of the schools of Hufftown, where he resides. He married, October 18, 1898, Lorena B. Easton, born October 18, 1874, died May 4, 1902, daughter of William and Anna (Lynch) Easton, of Elizabeth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and had two children: Mary Lorena, born January 4, 1900, and a child that died in infancy.

PHILIP H. WALTHOUR. Among the county's highly respected citizens must be numbered Philip H. Walthour, of Greensburg. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of Mr. Walthour emigrated from Germany at least a century ago. His father, Conrad Walthour, was born in Westmoreland county, and married Christina Heck, a native of the same county, where their descendants have continued to reside.

Philip H. Walthour, son of Conrad and Christina (Heck) Walthour, was born October 24, 1825, in Hempfield township, and has always lived in his native county. His neighbors testified to the esteem and confidence in which they held him by electing him to the office of school trustee, the duties of which position he discharged in the most creditable and satisfactory manner. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party, and he is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Walthour married in 1855, Hannah Densmore, and their children were: Angeline, William, John Taylor, Lewis, Ida May, and Clarkson F. Mrs. Walthour was born March 27, 1837, in Westmoreland county, and was a daughter of John and Susan (Greenewalt) Densmore. Her grandparents came from Germany. Her death occurred June 26, 1903, an event which deprived her husband and children of a most excellent wife and mother.

JOHN K. RAUB. The grandparents of John K. Raub, of Vandergrift, were John and Mary (Windrum) Raub, both natives of Ireland, who as children were brought to the United States by their parents. Both the Raub and Windrum families took up government land in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

John T. Raub, son of John and Mary (Windrum) Raub, was born in Whitesburg, Armstrong county, and resided on the homestead until 1901, when he retired and moved to the village of Whitesburg, where he now lives. He is still, however, the owner of the old farm. He is a Republican in politics, and has been repeatedly pressed to run for office, but has always refused to allow his name to be used. For thirty-three years he has been a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Raub married Elizabeth McConnell, and they had four children, three of whom survive: John K., mentioned hereinafter; William A., of Vandergrift; and Blanche R., at home. The mother of the family died in 1895.

John K. Raub, son of John T. and Elizabeth (McConnell) Raub, was born November 3, 1871, in Whitesburg, and received his education in the McIntosh public schools in his native county. Prior to his seventeenth year

he entered the service of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company, beginning in a minor position in the galvanizing department. From this he rose step by step until he was made extra roller, and in March, 1896, was transferred to the Vandergrift mills, where he was among the first to take part in the turning of the first wheel in the new plant. For some three months he worked in the capacity of rougher, and in June was promoted to be one of the regular rollers, in which position he has since served. He belongs to Vandergrift Lodge, No. 1116, I. O. O. F., and in the sphere of politics adheres to the Republican party. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Raub married, July 20, 1893, Maggie Duella Alcorn, and they have a daughter and a son: Ouida Gleson, and Clifford Alcorn. Mrs. Raub is a daughter of James B. and Lucinda (Hoffman) Alcorn, of Paulton, Westmoreland county. Mr. Alcorn was for many years a contractor, but has now retired, having turned the business over to his two sons, Adam and Lemuel.

ROBERT W. McNUTT. Thomas McNutt, father of Robert W. McNutt, of Vandergrift, was born in 1848, in Indiana county, and when about seventeen years of age left home and went to Apollo, where for a short time he worked on the railroad. Subsequently for a brief period he was employed in the brick yards, and in 1867 entered the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company. Beginning at the bottom, he worked his way up to the position of roller, to which he was promoted in the late eighties. For thirty-eight years he has been continuously identified with the iron industry, and his record in the mills is longer than that of any other man there, with but one exception. Since March, 1905, he has been off duty on account of illness. He belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, is a Democrat in politics and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. McNutt married Sarah Buzzard, and of their seven children six survive: Robert W., mentioned hereinafter; Albert M., roller in Vandergrift mills; Lillie May, wife of H. E. Grimm, of Vandergrift Heights; Grace G., wife of C. F. Shaffer, roller in Vandergrift mills; Bertha, at home; Anna P., bookkeeper in A. J. Allison's dry goods store, Vandergrift.

Robert W. McNutt, son of Thomas and Sarah (Buzzard) McNutt, was born November 1, 1870, in Apollo, where he acquired his education in the common schools. At the age of fourteen he went to work in the mills as "pickler's helper," and from this position, the lowest in the mills, worked his way up to that of sheet heater. In 1894 he entered the B. F. Jennings iron works in Leechburg, in a similar capacity, and after a short time was advanced to the position of roller. In the latter part of 1895 he left Leechburg and returned to Apollo, where for three years he was employed in various positions in the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company. Late in 1897 he was made roller, and in February, 1898, was transferred to Vandergrift, where he has since worked continuously in the same capacity. He affiliates with Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, F. and A. M., is an adherent of the Democratic party, and a member and officer of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. McNutt married, March 16, 1893, Kate Humphreys, daughter of Robert M. and Mary Jane Woodall, of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, Edwin Roland McNutt.

WILL J. WALTER. The parents of Will J. Walter, of New Kensington, were John and Hannah Walter, natives of South Wales, where their son, Will J., was born March 6, 1866, and received his education in the common schools.

At the age of twelve years he became an errand boy in the Hafod copper mills of Vivian & Sons, in Swansea, where he remained about three years and a half. He then worked for two years in the Landore steel works of Dr. Siemens, after which he returned to the Hafod copper mills, where he was employed as time and pay-roll clerk and later as shipping clerk, making in all a period of three years. August 19, 1887, he sailed from Liverpool for the United States, and on his arrival settled in Pittsburg, where he engaged with Moorhead & McLean in the open hearth department, remaining until 1894. In 1895 he moved to Parnassus and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Tin Plate Company, which in 1898 was absorbed by the American Tin Plate Company. He worked in the capacity of shearman until May, 1902, when he was made paymaster of the same plant. Six months later he was transferred to the New York office of the company to organize and take charge of the statistical labor and pay-roll bureau. In December, 1903, the American Tin Plate and American Sheet Steel companies consolidated, Mr. Walter retaining his position, and in January, 1904, the general offices were removed to Pittsburg and established in the Frick building, where he is still in charge. In 1898 he began to publish what is known as the Will J. Walter's Ideal Ready Reckoner for computing the earnings of different classes of mill workers. The utility of this invention has secured for it general recognition.

In 1902 Mr. Walter held the office of auditor of New Kensington borough. He belongs to Lodge No. 1048, I. O. O. F., of New Kensington, in which he holds the rank of vice grand, and is past chancellor of Lodge No. 81, K. P., also of New Kensington. He affiliates likewise with Easter Lily Rebekah Lodge, No. 223, I. O. O. F., of Mercer county, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican and a member of the Reformed church. Mr. Walter married Martha A., daughter of Richard and Sarah Jones, of Wheatland, Mercer county, and their children were: Sarah E., born May 13, 1890; Edgar, born February 25, 1892, died April 18, 1892; and Arnold C., born April 17, 1895.

**JOHN PATERSON.** The father of John Paterson, of Vandergrift Heights, was James Paterson, who was born in Kilpatrick, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, where he learned the trade of ship cabinetmaker, at which he worked to the close of his life. He married Elizabeth Hamilton, and two of their five children are now living: William, shearman in Vandergrift mills; and John, mentioned hereinafter. Mr. Paterson died in 1869, and his widow married Alexander Hamilton, by whom she had seven children, four of whom survive: David, sheet heater in Vandergrift mills; Elizabeth, wife of Frank McQuade, of Alvy, West Virginia; Alexander, sheet heater in Vandergrift mills; and James B., of Tarentum. In April, 1879, the family emigrated to the United States, settling at McKeesport, where the stepfather worked in the coal mines, having been reared to a miner's life. He is still living and resides at Buena Vista, Allegheny county. Mrs. Hamilton died August 21, 1884, at Blythedale, in the same county, being then in the forty-first year of her age.

John Paterson, son of James and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Paterson, was born December 18, 1864, in Glasgow, Scotland, and was in his fifteenth year when the family came to the United States. He secured a position in the Tube mills in McKeesport, where, however, he remained but four months, the family removing to Suterville, where for some fifteen years he worked in the mines. In 1895 he went to Apollo, obtaining the position of shearman in the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company. Later he served for five

years as weighmaster and then resumed his old position of shearman, in which capacity he is now serving. When the Vandergrift mills were opened he was transferred thither, and in the spring of 1897 built his present residence on Vandergrift Heights. He is past master of Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, F. and A. M., a member of Orient Chapter, No. 247, of Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, K. T.

Mr. Paterson married, June 21, 1888, Margaret, born in Scotland, and brought to this country in 1869, by her parents, James and Margaret (Dunlap) Buchan, the former a miner by occupation. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Paterson are the parents of the following children: William Hamilton, Margaret Buchan, John Gordon, James Frazier, Harry Bradstock, David Muir, Alexander, Susan Elma, twin to Alexander; and Donald Watson. All these children are at home with their parents.

**CASSIUS C. McMAHON.** The paternal grandfather of Cassius C. McMahon, of Vandergrift, was Benjamin F. McMahon, a physician, whose son, also Benjamin F. McMahon, was born in 1827, in Ohio, and adopted his father's profession, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After practicing for a short time he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, becoming a member of the Ohio conference. He is said by those who knew him to have been an able speaker, and at the time of his death was pastor of a church at Steubenville, Ohio. Mr. McMahon married Elizabeth Davis, and two sons were born to them: John A., deceased; and Cassius C., mentioned hereinafter. Mr. McMahon closed his useful life at the early age of thirty-four, his death occurring August, 1861. His widow, with her children, returned to her old home at Blairsville, Pennsylvania, where she passed the remainder of her life and died September 9, 1893.

Cassius C. McMahon, son of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Davis) McMahon, was born September 17, 1860, in Carrollton, Carroll county, Ohio, and was but eleven months old when his father died. He was educated in the public schools of Blairsville, and about his sixteenth year became clerk in a general store. Finding the confinement injurious to his health, he was advised by his physician, at the end of two years, to leave the store, which he did and went to work in the foundry. After two years and a half, his health being greatly improved, he resumed clerical work and for three years was employed in the store of J. M. Harvey. He then resigned in order to accept a clerical position in the office of the master mechanic of the West Pennsylvania division of the Pennsylvania railroad. At the end of five years he again resigned, in 1890, for the purpose of associating himself in a clerical capacity with the Apollo Iron & Steel Company, remaining until the completion of the extensive plant at Vandergrift, to which he was transferred. When the plant was absorbed by the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company Mr. McMahon was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent of the mills, and in July, 1892, was made superintendent of the Hyde Park plant, in which position he is now serving. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, votes with the Republicans, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, serving as president of the board of trustees. Mr. McMahon married in 1897, Ella M. Jack, of Apollo, and they had four sons: John F., Cassius C., deceased; Robert C., and Wilbur Hugh.

John A. McMahon, the deceased brother of Mr. McMahon, at the age of sixteen became salesman in a general store at Wilkinsburg, and after remaining there a short time secured a position in the Pittsburg postoffice, where he came in time to occupy an important place. After remaining several years

he resigned in order to accept a position in the office of the auditor of the Pennsylvania railroad, a position in which he served during the remainder of his life, his death occurring June 7, 1893.

DAVID J. OLINGER. The grandfather of David J. Olinger, of Vandergrift, was Nicholas Olinger, who was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. He married Maria Hartman, also of Armstrong county. He was a farmer. They had a family of several children: Nancy, Margaret, Adam, Joseph, Sarah, Isaac, Rebecca. All settled in western Pennsylvania except Isaac, who went to the state of Washington. The Olingers were Germans.

Joseph Olinger, son of Nicholas and Maria (Hartman) Olinger, was born in 1847, in Armstrong county, was reared on the farm, and followed agricultural pursuits until 1893, when he moved to Apollo and engaged in the livery and teaming business. In 1903 he retired and took up his abode on a farm on the outskirts of Apollo. He served some years as constable, and in politics is a staunch Republican. Mr. Olinger married Mary A. Sowers, daughter of David Sowers, born 1817, died 1893; he married Catherine Shannon, born 1829, died 1867. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Olinger, six survive: David J., mentioned hereinafter; William L., of Scottsdale; Burton E., of Vandergrift; Lottie, wife of Harry Fulton, of Leechburg; Joseph L., of Leechburg; and James, at home. The mother of these children died June, 1896.

David J. Olinger, son of Joseph and Mary A. (Sowers) Olinger, was born June 20, 1872, in Armstrong county, and received his education in the common schools. At the age of eighteen he went to work in the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company, in Apollo, securing a position in the galvanizing department. One year later he was transferred to the sheet mill as second catcher, and from this position worked his way up to that of roller. On the completion of the Vandergrift mills he was transferred to that place. He belongs to Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, F. and A. M., Orient Chapter of Kittanning, No. 247, and Vandergrift Lodge, No. 1116, I. O. O. F. He is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Olinger married, August 8, 1895, Mazie Burkett, of Apollo, daughter of G. W. Burkett, and their children were: Leslie J., Edward Dale, Mabel, deceased; and David.

JONATHAN MOORE WALTERS. The father of Jonathan Moore Walters, of Vandergrift, was Philip Franklin Walters, who was born in 1850, and in early life was a coal miner, but in later years was employed in the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company, at Apollo. He is now leading a retired life in Cherry Lane, Pennsylvania. He is a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Walters married Sarah Elizabeth Moore, and six of their eight children survive: Minnie L., wife of N. L. Wolford, of Cherry Lane; Jonathan Moore, mentioned hereinafter; Catharine A., wife of J. G. Rarick, of Cherry Lane; Harry L., of Vandergrift; Celia A., wife of Harry C. Campbell, of Canal Dover, Ohio; and Park Alonzo, of Morning Sun, Westmoreland county.

Jonathan Moore Walters, son of Philip Franklin and Sarah Elizabeth (Moore) Walters, was born March 11, 1873, at Sandy Creek, Allegheny county, and received a common school education. At twenty years he went to work in the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company, beginning as a matcher and rising step by step. In the spring of 1897, on the opening of the Vandergrift mills, he was transferred to that place, and June 26, 1897, was

advanced to his present position of roller. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, and a member and officer of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Walters married, April 6, 1898, Mary M., daughter of T. T. Townsend, a prominent farmer of Armstrong county, his farm being situated near Apollo. Mr. and Mrs. Walters are the parents of two children: Helen Beatrice, and Dale Edward.

**JOHN D. DAVIS.** The paternal grandparents of John D. Davis, of Vandergrift, were Archibald and Mary Davis, whose son, Stewart Davis, was born about 1842, in Blairsville. Mr. Davis was a butcher of that place and instructed Stewart in the business, eventually making him a member of the firm which was known for years as A. Davis & Son. After the death of his father Stewart conducted the business alone during the remainder of his life. He belonged to the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W., and was a Democrat in politics. For twenty years he held office in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a member. Mr. Davis married Amanda J. Devinny, and they had three sons: John D., mentioned hereinafter; Stewart A., second vice president of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, Pittsburg; and William Leroy, assistant to Charles H. Sloan, district manager of the Kiskiminetas Valley plants. Mr. Davis, the father, died June 6, 1897, at the age of fifty-five, and his widow resides in Vandergrift.

John D. Davis, son of Stewart and Amanda J. (Devinny) Davis, was born October 19, 1865, in Blairsville, where he received his education in the public schools and at the Blairsville Academy. Out of school hours he was employed in his father's meat market. At the age of eighteen he went to work as a locomotive fireman on the West Pennsylvania division of the Pennsylvania railroad. Six years later he was promoted to the position of engineer and for nine years thereafter ran an engine. In 1899 he resigned in order to accept a position as locomotive engineer with the American Sheet Steel Company, at Vandergrift. In May, 1902, he was made assistant chief engineer, and in May, 1905, became chief engineer, having full charge of all the motor power of the Vandergrift, Leechburg, Hyde Park and Saltsburg plants. These four plants, being under one management, are known as the "Vandergrift-Apollo Unit." Mr. Davis belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617. F. and A. M., Duquesne Chapter, No. 193, R. A. M., of Pittsburg, Allegheny Commandery No. 35, K. T., also a member of the R. A. He is a Republican in politics, and a member and officer of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Davis married in 1898, Grace Henderson, of Blairsville, and they have one child, Mildred Grace Davis.

**GEORGE W. CRAWFORD.** The paternal grandfather of George W. Crawford, of Apollo, was Enoch Crawford, a native of Maryland. He was the first of this branch of the family to come to Westmoreland county. He was twice married, his first wife being Catharine Keiffer, who bore him children: Margaret, Levina, Eliza, Catharine, Sarah, and Washington M., mentioned hereinafter. By his second wife Rachel Templeton he was the father of two children: George W., and Evelyne.

Washington M. Crawford, son of Enoch and Catharine (Keiffer) Crawford, was born April 3, 1827, in Washington township, and until 1861 worked at the blacksmith's trade. In that year he engaged in agriculture on the farm now owned by his son, George W. Crawford. He married Susanna Gumbert, born March 12, 1826, in Allegheny township. They were the parents of one

child, George W., mentioned hereinafter. The death of Mr. Crawford occurred April 11, 1889, and his widow passed away July 28, 1899.

George W. Crawford, son of Washington M. and Susanna (Gumbert) Crawford was born August 20, 1852, in Allegheny township, and was nine years old when his parents moved to the farm in Washington township. There he grew up on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools. On reaching manhood he became by choice an agriculturist, and now cultivates one of the finest farms in his district. His fields are productive, his fences are well kept and neat in appearance, and his stock shows the care of a master hand. His farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres, and he is also the owner of another in Allegheny township, comprising seventy-five acres. He belongs to the following fraternal organizations: Apollo Lodge, No. 437, F. and A. M.; Mineral Point Lodge, No. 615, I. O. O. F.; Leechburg Encampment, No. 192; and Armstrong Lodge No. 412, K. P. He is a staunch Republican, and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Crawford married, May 21, 1874, Henrietta J., born December 15, 1852, in Allegheny township, daughter of Michael and Catharine Artman. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford: Morgan M., married Ienza Haynes, and had one child, now deceased; Charles R., married Ida Beighly, and has one daughter; Frank, married B. M. Yonkins, and has three children; Susan C., wife of William P. Bortz and mother of one child; Arthur M., James B., George L., and Clyde G.

JOHN S. SNYDER. Among the old families of Westmoreland county who trace their descent from German ancestry must be numbered that to which belongs John S. Snyder, of Donegal township. For more than a century this numerous and worthy race has been resident in the county.

Frederick Schneider (as the name was originally spelled), was a farmer, and in 1797 came from York county, Pennsylvania, to Westmoreland county. He was a Whig and a member of the Reformed church. He married Mary George, and their children were: George, Peter, Frederick, John, Adam, Simon, mentioned hereinafter; Mary, Katharine, and Elizabeth.

Simon Snyder, son of Frederick and Mary (George) Schneider, was a farmer and bricklayer and helped to build the old academy at Greensburg. His political views were those held by the Democratic party, and he was a member of the Lutheran church. He married Elizabeth Williams, and their children were: John S., mentioned hereinafter; Mary Jane, married John B. Robert, of Johnstown, and the mother of five children; Mary E., Susan, Emma, John and Richard W.; Frederick, married Sarah Beistel, and has two children; Anna and Lizzie; Peter S., married Amanda Montague, and has four children: Morris J., Simon H., Elsie and Carrie; Richard W., married Louisa E. Ulery, and has eight children: Charles S., Elmer E., Annie I., Orrin, Charlotte, Ira, Byron and Earl; Rachel, died in childhood.

John S. Snyder, son of Simon and Elizabeth (Williams) Snyder, was born November 5, 1834, in Donegal township. He taught school for five years. He then learned the mason and bricklayers' trade and for many years worked in Westmoreland and neighboring counties. Later he took up carpentering at which he still works. His political affiliations are with the Democrats, and he belongs to the Lutheran church. He married, July 2, 1857, Caroline, daughter of Robert McKee, of Fairfield township, and their children were: Sarah Elizabeth, born May 6, 1858, became the wife of Sylvester Montague, and has nine children: Chalmers C., Wesley Orrin, Bessie, Burt, Dorsey, Russell, Simon, Fern and May; Anna M., married I. J. R. Johnson, and has three children: Emery, Oliver and Charles; Ella M., wife of Corne-



lius Kuhns, and has two children: Ida F. and Clarence; Melda M., married John Coleman, and has three children: Dennis C., Iva May, and Lucian Doty; Laura A., married William Roadman, and has ten children: Frank, Amelia, John, Irene, Grace, James, Davis, Charles, Elvine, and an infant daughter; Alda E., married William Lindsey, and has two children: Ernest and Madelle; Effie A., wife of William H. Baker, and had one child, Lloyd, who is now deceased; William Emery, died in infancy.

**EMANUEL BARKLEY.** A list of the leading farmers of Donegal township would be incomplete without the name of Emanuel Barkley. He is a grandson of Joseph Barkley, who was a farmer, a Democrat in politics and a member of the United Brethren church.

Jacob Barkley, son of Joseph Barkley, was also a farmer and a Democrat, likewise a member of the United Brethren church. He married Elizabeth Frick, and their children were: Susannah, married George Bixler, of Kansas; Catharine, married Samuel Fligger; Joseph, married Mary Ann O'Hara, who bore him two children: William and Emma. After the death of his wife he married Maria Beistel, who was by him the mother of five children: Della, George, John, Anna and Harvey. Leah, wife of David Miller, and has five children; Jacob, married Rachel Larimer; Elizabeth, married William Larimer; Sarah, married Montgomery Scott; Abraham, married (first) Lucinda Haffer, (second) ——— Kennedy; Mary Ann, married James Bixler; Emanuel, mentioned hereinafter. Three other sons, George, David and Isaac, are deceased.

Emanuel Barkley, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Frick) Barkley, was born February 15, 1838, in Donegal township, and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the sphere of politics he follows in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and adheres to the Democratic party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Barkley married Sarah, daughter of William Moody, of Donegal township, and their children are: Jacob, married Hettie Campbell, and has four children: Emery, Reuben, Daisy and Robert Goodman; Henrietta, wife of John Knupp, and has one child, Goldie; Katharine, married Albert Moore, and is the mother of two children: Raymond and Ira.

**ERIC LUDWIG HOOFRING.** The father of Eric Ludwig Hoofring, of Vandergrift, was Charles Hoofring, who was a cabinetmaker by trade, and married Bertha Watts, like himself a native of Sweden. Of the six children born to them four are living: Charles, of Montana; John, electrical engineer in France; Hedvig, resides in Sweden; and Eric Ludwig, mentioned hereinafter. The parents of these children both died in their native country.

Eric Ludwig Hoofring, son of Charles and Bertha (Watts) Hoofring was born June 10, 1864, in Stockholm, Sweden, where he acquired his education in the elementary or preparatory schools. At the age of sixteen he apprenticed himself to the machinist's trade and also to the profession of electrical engineering. In 1887, after the expiration of his time, he emigrated to the United States, settling in New York city, where he was employed in the John Stevenson car shops as a machinist, remaining some nine months. In the summer of 1888 he went to Pittsburg and secured a position as toolmaker and electrician in the Lewis Foundry & Machine Company, retaining this position until 1895. He then accepted the position of master mechanic with the Lincoln Foundry Company of Pittsburg, and in the spring of 1902 was transferred to their Vandergrift plant, the United Engineering & Foundry

dry Company, where he serves in the same capacity. He affiliates with Vandergrift Lodge, No. 751, R. A., and supports with his vote and influence the men and measures advocated and endorsed by the Republican party. Mr. Hoofring married in 1884, Anna Larson, of Stockholm, Sweden, and of their seven children five are living: Bertha, wife of Charles Wineman, of Vandergrift; Elizabeth, Charles, Mary and Eric. All of these, with the exception of Mrs. Wineman, are at home with their parents.

**WILLIAM L. J. PRUGH.** The great-grandfather of William L. J. Prugh came from Prussia and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and Abner Prugh, the grandfather of William L. J. Prugh, came west and settled in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. The father of William L. J. Prugh, of Vandergrift, was William A. Prugh, who was born in Elderton, Armstrong county, where he received his preparatory education in the public schools, passing thence to Iron City College, Pittsburg. His first employment was in mercantile business in Allegheny City, but after some years he disposed of the business and was then employed for two years in a mercantile business in Pittsburg. In December, 1876, he moved to Armstrong county, where he has since been engaged in teaching in the public schools, and is now one of the best known educators in the county. He resides in the borough of Atwood on a farm owned by his sons. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, and for years has served as elder in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Prugh married Mary L. Boggs, born in Kentucky, but grew up in Allegheny City, and of their five children four survive: Andrew P., heater in Leechburg mills; William L. J., mentioned hereinafter; Lillian G., wife of A. W. Hunter, roller in Vandergrift mills; and Nellie F., wife of Ezra Hoover, stock dealer of Kittanning, Pennsylvania. The mother of these children died in fall of 1876.

William L. J. Prugh, son of William A. and Mary L. (Boggs) Prugh, was born October 21, 1868, in Allegheny City, receiving his education in the public schools of his birthplace and at Elderton Academy. In his fifteenth year he began to work for neighboring farmers, and prior to his eighteenth year became an instructor in the public schools, teaching four terms. On May 4, 1890, he accepted a position in the galvanizing department of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company, but at the end of a year was transferred at his own request to the position of matcher. Although the change involved a great reduction in salary he felt that he should be compensated by a more congenial environment, and the result proved that he was not mistaken. Eighteen months later he was made pair heater, in which position he served until the strike of 1893, after which he was out of the mill for about one year. During this interval he went to Cambria county and there taught in the public schools, and in the spring of 1894 applied for the principalship of the Moxham schools, Stony Creek township. In consequence, however, of the large number of applicants, he returned to Appollo and made application for a position in the mills. One week later he went to work as pair heater, and the following day received notice that he had been elected principal of the Moxham schools. He showed the letter to the superintendent of the steel works, who promised him a better position if he would remain, and one month later he was given a sheet furnace. On the opening of the mills at Vandergrift he was transferred to that place and promoted to the position of roller, in which capacity he has since served continuously, being advanced from the small rolls to the largest in the mills. He belongs to Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, F. and A. M., of Vandergrift, and Vandergrift Lodge, No. 502, K. P. His political affiliations are with the Republicans, and he is a member and



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steward of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Prugh married, in the spring of 1894, Wyoming St. Clair, and they have two sons: John Alexander and Judson Lee. Mrs. Prugh is a daughter of John St. Clair, a veteran of the civil war, granddaughter of William St. Clair, and great-granddaughter of James St. Clair, who emigrated from the north of Ireland about 1760 and settled in York county, Pennsylvania. He served in the revolutionary army, and was a first cousin of Major General Arthur St. Clair.

**LEVI G. STITT.** The paternal ancestors of Levi G. Stitt, of Vandergrift, in the male line were natives of Scotland, while those in the female line were born in Germany. John Stitt, when a young man, left the "land of brown heath and shaggy wood" to seek a home in the New World, and is supposed to have settled in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, about 1818. He is entitled to the distinction of having built on Carnahan's Run the first grist mill ever erected in this section of the country, the ruins of which still remain. He married, after settling in his new home, Esther Frantz, a native of the Fatherland.

John F. Stitt, son of John and Esther (Frantz) Stitt, was born in 1834, in Armstrong county, and was reared to a mill life. He was a natural mechanic, and notwithstanding the fact that he never served an apprenticeship was one of the most skillful carpenters and builders in the county, where many of the substantial barns and residences were of his erection. He was one of those men whose versatility enables them to engage in almost any kind of work that presents itself. He is a Democrat, and attended the Lutheran church. Mr. Stitt married Anna Coffman, and seven of their eight children are now living: Harriet I., wife of G. W. Stitt, of Keister, Pennsylvania; Levi G., mentioned hereinafter; Mary, wife of Newton Long, of Armstrong county; Thomas A., farmer of Armstrong county; Margaret, wife of Lee Shall, of Armstrong county; Edith A., wife of Charles Lenning, of the same county; Benjamin F., foreman for Berry Brothers, bolt and nut works, Columbus, Ohio; and Nancy F., wife of J. M. Van Deen, principal of schools and pastor of Presbyterian church. Mr. Stitt, the father of the family, continued to work as a mechanic until the close of his life, his death being the result of an accident. In 1894 he was struck by a train at Leechburg, being then sixty years of age.

Levi G. Stitt, son of John F. and Anna (Coffman) Stitt, was born October 28, 1860, in Armstrong county, and received his education in the "Hills" country school. In his early years he worked in the summer on the farm and during the winter in the wagon shop with his father. In 1882 he accepted a position as carpenter in the steel plant of Laufman & Company, who were erecting for themselves two heavy extra buildings. Two months later he was made boss carpenter, having charge of the erection of the buildings. At the end of two years he was again promoted, being given entire charge of all the machinery. The plant was subsequently transferred, becoming known as the Volta Iron Company, and later as the Apollo Iron & Steel Company. It was finally absorbed by the American Sheet Steel Company. Mr. Stitt retaining his position as master mechanic until March, 1904, when he was promoted to general superintendent. On the building of the enormous plant at Vandergrift he was called to that place to superintend its erection and when ground was broken threw the first shovelful of earth. While still retaining control of the Apollo plant, he superintended the erection of all the buildings at Vandergrift as well as the foundation for machinery, placing the machinery and putting it in operation. After the building of the plant he was

transferred to Vandergrift and made general superintendent of all the Valley plants, including those at Apollo, Vandergrift, Hyde Park and Leechburg. The one at Saltsburg is now added, the Apollo plant having been dismantled. To Mr. Stitt is due much of the credit for the successful building of the mills, and it is an acknowledged fact that these structures, so valuable to Vandergrift, are largely the result of his brains and mechanical ingenuity. He is a born mechanical genius, as is abundantly evident in every department of the mills of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, and many of his inventions are now in use. For seventeen years he has been a master mechanic. He is a member of Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, F. and A. M., of Vandergrift. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. Stitt married in 1882, Lida M. Hanna, of Armstrong county, and their children are: Herbert L., employed in the mills at Vandergrift; Arthur P., with the United Engineering & Foundry Company, of Vandergrift; Nellie, at home; Goldie, deceased; and Veryl P., at home.

**GEORGE W. RUBRIGHT.** The paternal great-grandfather of George W. Rubright, of Apollo, was a native of Germany, whence he emigrated to the United States, settling in Northampton county, where he reared a family. Three of his sons moved to the west, two of them finding homes in Ohio.

Henry Rubright, another son of the emigrant ancestor, came to Westmoreland county and settled at Hannastown, later removing to Murrysville, where he purchased a farm on which he lived for many years. His wife was a daughter of Jacob Saul, of Salem township, and they had children: John, George, mentioned hereinafter; Jacob, Noah, three daughters who married, respectively, Frederick Marsh, Michael Beamer and John Beamer; Mary, married Michael Miller; three daughters who married three brothers Remaley; and one unmarried daughter. All these with one exception settled near the old homestead.

George Rubright, son of Henry Rubright, in 1843 moved to Washington township, where he purchased a farm, and in 1845 bought one hundred and ten acres adjoining. This property is now owned and occupied by his son, George W. Rubright. Later he purchased another farm which is now occupied by his eldest son, John. Mr. Rubright married Catharine Burnhart, of Hempfield township, who died in 1852, leaving one child, John. Subsequently Mr. Rubright married Elsie, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Free, and five children were born to them, four of whom are living: George W., mentioned hereinafter; Henry T., David, and Elizabeth, wife of James Nealey, of Armstrong county. The mother of these children died in 1891, and Mr. Rubright expired in 1900, at the venerable age of ninety years.

George W. Rubright, son of George and Elsie (Free) Rubright, was born August 17, 1858, on the farm which is now his home and on which he has always lived. He attended the common schools, at the same time assisting his father in the labors of the homestead. Later he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for a time in conjunction with farming. He has filled various township offices, and gives to the Democratic party the support of his vote and influence. He is an active member of the Reformed church. Mr. Rubright married, January 7, 1896, Daisy, daughter of P. K. and Dora (Stewart) Gumbert, of Allegheny township, and they have been the parents of one child, who died in infancy.

**ALONZO L. ANDERSON.** The father of Alonzo L. Anderson, of Leechburg, was David Anderson, a native of Westmoreland county and of Scotch-Irish extraction. He was a resident of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, where he owned and cultivated a farm of eighty acres and was at the same time proprietor of a hotel. He was at one time a manufacturer of salt. Mr. Anderson married Mary Mealmen, who bore him seven children, three of whom are living: Permila, wife of David B. Ashbaugh; Fidela, wife of James A. Bair; and Alonzo L., mentioned hereinafter.

Alonzo L. Anderson, son of David and Mary (Mealmen) Anderson, was born September 30, 1832, in Westmoreland county, where he has spent the greater part of his life. Though reared on a farm he yet turned his attention to mining and was for thirty years mine boss on territory adjacent to his own farm. He was also mine foreman at Keystone mines, Somerset county, for over three years. This farm he has owned since 1879. It formerly contained one hundred and fourteen acres and was owned by his father, who bought it in 1854 and erected the buildings in 1864. Its area is now seventy acres, on which its present owner raises crops which command the highest market value. It is beautifully situated on the banks of the Kiskiminetas river and occupies the site of an Indian village. Mr. Anderson married in 1867 Sadie J. Lyons, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and they have been the parents of three daughters and one son: Ella M., of New Philadelphia, Ohio; Flossie E., wife of W. Reed; Laura, wife of William McCreary; and David, deceased. Alonzo L. Anderson served in the civil war.

**ALBERT MILTON McNUTT.** The father of Albert Milton McNutt, of Vandergrift, was Thomas McNutt, who was born in 1848, in Indiana county, and at the age of seventeen went to Apollo and there for a brief period worked on the railroad. He was afterward for a short time employed in the brick yards, and in 1867 entered the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company. He rose from the lowest position to that of roller, which he reached in the late eighties. For thirty-eight years he has been continuously identified with the iron industry, and his record in the mills is longer than that of any other man there with but one exception. Since March, 1905, he has been off duty on account of illness. He belongs to the K. O. T. M., votes with the Democrats, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. McNutt married Sarah Buzzard, and of their seven children six survive: Robert W., roller in Vandergrift mills; Albert Milton, mentioned hereinafter; Lillie May, wife of H. E. Grim, of Vandergrift Heights; Grace G., wife of C. F. Shaffer, roller in Vandergrift mills; Bertha, at home; and Anna P., bookkeeper in A. J. Allison's dry goods store, Vandergrift.

Albert Milton McNutt, son of Thomas and Sarah (Buzzard) McNutt, was born January 6, 1873, in Clarion county, where he received his education in the common schools. At the age of seventeen he entered the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company in the capacity of doubler, from which position he rose to that of rougher, and early in 1898, after his transfer to the Vandergrift mills, was made roller, in which capacity he is still serving. He affiliates with Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, F. and A. M., the Royal Arcanum and the A. I. U. His political principles are those endorsed by the Democratic party, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. McNutt married, January 17, 1894, Lillian B., daughter of S. L. Coover, of Verona, Pennsylvania, an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and a justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. McNutt have four children: Viva E., Harold W., Albert M., and Roberta J.

**DAVID L. RIGGLE.** One of the worthy citizens of Deming is David L. Riggle, grandson of John Riggle, whose son George was born April 27, 1818, and married Hannah Turney, who was born March 18, 1821. The following children were born to them: John A., Leah C., Anna M., Philip F., George W., deceased; Albert T., James F., David L., mentioned herein-after; Daniel J., Jacob P., and Oliver.

David L. Riggle, son of George and Hannah (Turney) Riggle, was born December 11, 1857, in Armstrong county, and received a common school education. The doctrines of the Democratic party have in him a steadfast supporter. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Riggle married Maria Jane Crowfard and the following children have been born to them: Hannah B., born June 3, 1882; Lula M., born August 27, 1883, died April 13, 1904; Anna B., born February 8, 1887; Jessie O., born April 26, 1890; Margaret P., born January 29, 1893; Howard C., born September 30, 1895; Hazel E., born August 2, 1897; and Martha H., born November 13, 1903. Mrs. Riggle is a daughter of John H. and Anna Crowfard, whose children are: George W., Anna, James P., Joanna, Levi K., Maria Jane, born April 25, 1862, and became the wife of David L. Riggle, as mentioned above; and Mary E.

**JEREMIAH BAUGHMAN**, who holds the responsible position of conductor on a freight train of the Pennsylvania railroad, is well and favorably known in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. The founder of the family in America was John Baughman.

David Baughman, father of Jeremiah Baughman, was a native of Westmoreland county, attended the common schools there, and acquired a reasonably good education for the times in which he lived. He was a farmer and was respected by all who knew him. In politics he was a Republican, and was a member of the Protestant church. He married Hattie Fink, daughter of George and Mary (Erhart) Fink, and they had four children, among them being Jeremiah.

Jeremiah Baughman, son of David and Hattie (Fink) Baughman, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1854. He received his education in the public schools of his native town, and proved himself an apt pupil. He obtained employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, November 21, 1871, and now holds the position of conductor of a freight train, to the entire satisfaction of his employers, as his faithful attention to his duties has become well known and appreciated. He pays the strictest attention to the minutest details of his work, and this contributes not a little to the successful performance of his duties. In politics he is a Republican, and although taking a lively interest in the affairs of the community has never found time to do any active work for his party or to hold office. He is a member of the Reformed church at Greensburg. He is also a member of the following named organizations: Lodge No. 840, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Greensburg; Order of Railway Conductors, Division No. 433, Pitcairn, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Baughman married, December 24, 1873, Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of George and Mary Thomas. Mrs. Baughman was educated in the public schools.

**LEWIS W. GONGAWARE**, of Penn township, is a lineal descendant of John Gongaware, the pioneer of the American branch of the family, who emigrated from Germany in 1725. The line of descent is traced through his son, Michael Gongaware, whose birth occurred in Northampton county,



Pennsylvania, in 1730. He was a clockmaker by trade and followed that line of work in Westmoreland county, whither he removed early in life, settling on what is known as the Gongaware farm, near Harrold Church. His death occurred on this farm, October 26, 1826, at the advanced age of ninety-six years, and his wife, Catherine, passed away March 22, 1829.

Philip G. Gongaware, son of Michael and Catherine Gongaware, was born in 1760. He was united in marriage to Margaretta Miller, daughter of John Peter and Catherine Miller, and their children were: Margaret, Jacob, John, Elizabeth, Catherine, Jonas, Hannah, Peter, Lydia and Sarah. The father of these children died January 18, 1829, and the mother died in 1823, aged fifty-seven years.

Jacob Gongaware, eldest son of Philip G. and Margaretta (Miller) Gongaware, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, September, 1799. He removed to the Manor valley, near Harrison City. He married (first) Elizabeth Whitehead, daughter of Stoffel and Susan Whitehead, by whom he had the following children: John, married Rebecca Ann Ridinger, and who died at Penlinger, Indiana, March 23, 1855. Margaret, became the wife of Solomon Altman. Eliza, who became the wife of Joseph Myers, of Irwin, Pennsylvania. Lewis W., mentioned hereinafter. Jonas, married Sarah Alshouse. Mr. Gongaware married (second) Annie Steiner (nee Whitehead), a sister of his first wife. There were no children born of this union.

Lewis W. Gongaware, second son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Whitehead) Gongaware, was born in Penn township, Westmoreland county, June 3, 1837. he is a farmer by occupation, and is the owner of a very large farm, on which he has resided continuously for the long period of sixty-four years. He is prominent in the affairs of the township, and has served in the capacity of collector and supervisor, discharging the duties thereof in an efficient and capable manner. He holds membership in the Lutheran church, in which body he has held the offices of deacon and elder. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

Mr. Gongaware married, October 26, 1859, Mattie Alshouse, a daughter of Samuel and Lydia Alshouse, who died May 21, 1870, leaving him the following children: Samuel Henry, born 1860, married Nance Ayers, of North Huntingdon township, eight children: Cyrus, Lewis, Amanda, Emma, Henry, Laura, Emery and Ida. Jacob William, born 1862, married Lilly Stump, daughter of Samuel Stump, of Greensburg, issue: One child, Lela. Emanuel N., born 1864, married Anna Fox, daughter of John C. Fox, of Sewickly township, and their children are: Florence, Carl, Refert and Hannah. Albert Lewis, born 1867, married Mary Rodabaugh, daughter of Samuel Rodabaugh, of North Huntingdon township, and their children are: Paul, George, Sarah Emma and Orvil. Mr. Gongaware married for his second wife Emma J. Aber, daughter of Eli and Hannah Aber, and the following children were born to them: Elmer R., born September 28, 1871, died October 23, 1889; Otis A., born September 22, 1872; Oley, born July 9, 1874; Laura M., born November 4, 1876; Oscar U., born June 27, 1878; Walter W., born January 28, 1880; Katie L., born December 30, 1886; John, born July 31, 1882; Grover C., born February 12, 1885; Verna D., born March 13, 1890; Daisy, born October 11, 1892. Three children died in infancy, making in all fourteen children. The three children that died were: Elizabeth, born October 31, 1881, died September 13, 1886; Hannah E., born September 24, 1888, died December 17, 1888; Simon P., born May 20, 1894, died July 27, 1894.

JOHN FRANK BEATTY, former justice of the peace in the borough of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is regarded as one of the rising young men in that section of the country. He is the son of John M. and Elizabeth Beatty, both natives of New Geneva, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and was born in Dawson, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1870.

He received a good education in the common schools of his district, and attended a course in the commercial department of the Kentucky University, Lexington, Kentucky. His first venture in business life was in the office of A. C. Cochran, who was a large operator in coal and coke. He accepted a position as stenographer with Messrs. Moorhead & Head, attorneys-at-law in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1889. Here he remained for several years, and in 1896 was appointed court stenographer by Hon. Lucien W. Doty, president judge of the several courts of Westmoreland county. This office he filled very acceptably for a long time, and in 1903 was elected a justice of the peace of Greensburg borough. He is progressive and enterprising, and a bright future is predicted for him. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married, August 6, 1896, Bird L. Denman, daughter of D. N. and Emma Denman, and a graduate of the Greensburg high school. They have two children: Gertrude Elizabeth, born in Greensburg, June 8, 1897; J. Frank, born in Greensburg, November 17, 1900.

ROBERT A. ARMSTRONG. The ancestors of Robert A. Armstrong, of Leechburg, were among the pioneers of Allegheny township. They were of Scotch-Irish stock, the founder of the family in this country being Robert Armstrong, who in 1823 came hither from the north of Ireland and proceeded directly to Westmoreland county, settling in Allegheny township, where he purchased eighty acres of land which in due time he brought under subjection. His wife was Eleanor McKee, and their children, seven in number, had all passed the period of childhood when the family left their native land. They were: John, mentioned hereinafter; Jane, married George Patterson; Margaret, married John Boal; Elizabeth, married William Copeland; Alexander, Thomas, and David.

John Armstrong, son of Robert and Eleanor (McKee) Armstrong, on taking up his abode in Allegheny township purchased two farms of one hundred and twenty and one hundred and twenty-three acres, respectively. The land was in its primitive state, but by hard work and a thorough knowledge of the principles of agriculture he rendered it valuable and productive. Mr. Armstrong married, before leaving Ireland, Sarah A. Armstrong, a native of that country, and they were the parents of ten children, nine of whom grew to maturity: Adam, deceased, was superintendent of public instruction and member of the legislature of Kentucky; Robert A., mentioned hereinafter; David B., merchant; John A., a physician; Samuel S., retired farmer; Eleanor, Elizabeth, Sarah A., Mary J., and Margaret.

Robert A. Armstrong, son of John and Sarah A. (Armstrong) Armstrong, was born in 1829, in Allegheny township, on the farm adjoining his own, and his education and training were acquired in the public school, Freeport Academy and Allegheny college. He turned his attention to agriculture, in which calling he has succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations, being the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of as good land as there is in the township. This land he maintains in a high state of cultivation, and in addition to general farming carries on an extensive dairy. In 1882 he built a fine brick residence in the rear of which is a log cabin, a relic of the past, which was

built in 1830. For twelve years he held the office of school director. Mr. Armstrong has been twice married. His first wife was Amanda J. Rowen, who bore him three children: Elizabeth J., wife of the Rev. J. R. Wylie; John N., and James C., both of the National Tea Company. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Armstrong married Margaret J. Pinkerton, and by this union became the father of the following children: Mary J., wife of D. K. Swank; Alexander M., Robert M., David M., deceased; Amanda E., wife of William McKee; and Pearle A.

**HENRY E. DAVIS.** The parents of Henry E. Davis, of New Kensington, were David and Mary (Josephs) Davis, natives of Wales, where their son was born November 1, 1859, in Llalely. Mr. Davis died when the boy was about five years old, and in 1866 he was brought by his mother to the United States. They settled in Ansonia, Connecticut, where they lived some twenty-five years and where the lad received his education in the common schools and at the academy. At the age of eighteen he entered the service of the New Haven Copper Company, and later was employed by the firm of Wallace & Sons, of Ansonia. In 1894 he moved to New Kensington, and obtained a position as sheet roller in the Reduction works, where he has remained ever since. He affiliates with Lodge No. 512, B. P. O. E., of New Kensington, and Lodge No. 212, Maccabees, of the same place, in which he has passed all chairs. For one term he served on the Republican county committee. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mr. Davis married Mary A., daughter of Michael and Catharine (Hogan) Flynn, of Oxford, Connecticut, and their children are: Mary E., born September 16, 1883; Harry J., born December 31, 1889; Helen C., born June 1, 1892; and Jessie E., born March 16, 1901. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Catholic church.

**JOHN S. BARR.** The father of John S. Barr, of Vandergrift, was Thompson Barr, who was born in Centre county, Pennsylvania, and soon after his marriage moved to Keokuk, Iowa. On the breaking out of the civil war he enlisted, and about 1862 returned to Centre county. Mr. Barr married Ellen Sparr, also a native of Centre county, and of their four children three survive: Jennie, wife of John B. Cromer, of Mahaffey, Pennsylvania; Iowa, wife of William Adair, of Indiana, Pennsylvania; and John S., mentioned hereinafter. Soon after Mr. Barr's return from the army the mother of these children died and they were reared by neighboring families.

John S. Barr, son of Thompson and Ellen (Sparr) Barr, was born March 21, 1859, in Keokuk, Iowa, and after his mother's death was received into the family of John Brett, a prosperous farmer of Centre county, Irish by birth and Presbyterian in faith. Mr. Barr was educated in the public schools, the Pine Grove Academy and the State College, Centre county. In his twentieth year he left the home of Mr. Brett and went to St. Petersburg, Clarion county, where he engaged with his father in a mercantile business, which the latter had established five or six years before. In 1887 he moved to Pittsburg and accepted a position with the Philadelphia Gas Company. In 1889 he came to Westmoreland county to look after the wells of the Pine Run Gas Company, but in a short time was transferred by the company to their Leechburg offices, where he remained about eighteen months. In the winter of 1890-91 he went to the Flat Top coal regions in West Virginia to accept the position of purchasing agent for the Booth Bowen Coal & Coke Company, remaining some eight years. In 1898 he came to Vandergrift and secured a position as clerk

in the offices of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company, but at the end of six months, seeing no chance of promotion, he accepted the offer of a position as matcher in the mills. Subsequently he was advanced by being made doubler and later pair heater, and in the early spring of 1901 was given the position of sheet heater, which he now holds. He affiliates with Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, F. and A. M., being a charter member, and also belongs to Tancred Commandery, No. 48, K. T., and Duquesne Chapter, No. 193, R. A. M., of Pittsburg. His political views and principles are those of the Republican party. Mr. Barr married Mary D., daughter of William E. Branin, a real estate dealer of Trenton, New Jersey, and a member of an old Quaker family. Mr. and Mrs. Barr have no children.

ALFRED LAWRENCE TAYLOR. It was emigrants from Ireland who planted in the United States the family to which Alfred Lawrence Taylor, of Greensburg, belongs. Mr. Taylor is a son of Robert and Lydia B. (Smith) Taylor, and was born August 14, 1872, in Armstrong county. Until reaching the age of sixteen he attended the common schools, and then entered the service of the Coulter & Huff Coal Company, being to-day one of the most capable and trusted men on the force. As a citizen he is as faithful to duty as in his business relations. Mr. Taylor married, May 25, 1899, Minnie Osterwise, and they have two children: Josephine, born July 4, 1900; and Henriella, born August 25, 1901. Mrs. Taylor is of German descent. She is a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Osterwise, and was born March 10, 1878, in Greensburg.

WILLIAM CLARENCE BOWMAN, a well known citizen of Vandergrift, and whose services as roller are highly appreciated by the proprietors of the American Sheet Steel and Tin Plate Company, is descended through both his father and mother from the pioneer families of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

George Bowman, grandfather of William Clarence Bowman, was a son of Bernard Bowman, a native of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and married Sarah Turney, who was also born in Armstrong county.

John Philip Bowman, son of George and Sarah (Turney) Bowman, and grandson of Bernard Bowman, was born and brought up on his father's farm in Armstrong county near the Forks church, May 18, 1848. Here he acquired a thorough practical knowledge of farming and made that his life occupation. He acquired a portion of the old homestead, where he made his home and still resides there. He is a man of progressive ideas, and affiliates with the Democratic party. For many years he served as supervisor and school director, and has held office for several years as overseer of the poor, and is an incumbent of that office at the present time. He is a member of the Lutheran church, is one of the official board of that institution, and superintendent of the Sabbath school. He married, October 31, 1872, Ellen Mary Millen, born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1849 daughter of Alexander and Susannah Jane (Morrow) Millen, a well known carpenter of Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. John Philip Bowman have had seven children, of whom the following named are now living: William Clarence, of whom later; Sarah Minnie, wife of Edward Brown, of Armstrong county; Susan Agnes, wife of James Stitt, of Vandergrift Heights; Carrie Belle, wife of Smith Shellhammer, of Apollo; Mary Ella, lives with her parents; and John Turney also lives with his parents.

William Clarence Bowman, oldest child and son of John Philip and

Ellen Mary (Millen) Bowman, was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1873. He spent his early years on his father's farm and received a good education in the common schools of the district. When but seventeen years old Mr. Bowman commenced his business career. He obtained employment in Apollo, with the Apollo Iron and Steel Company, beginning as a laborer. He entertained the sensible idea that it was better to commence at the bottom of the ladder and work his way up, with a thorough understanding of each successive step taken. At the end of two years he was promoted to a position on the floor of the sheet mills as an opener. From this time his advancement was a steady progression—matcher, doubler, catcher, rougher, and in May, 1895, he was advanced to the position of a sheet roller, which he holds at the present time (1906). In the early part of 1897 he was transferred to the Vandergrift mills. During the summer of that year he built a residence for himself on Columbia avenue, but he soon disposed of this and erected a most commodious residence, one of the finest in the town, on the most desirable site in Vandergrift, No. 174 Washington avenue. Mr. Bowman is a man of great energy and perseverance and is certain to make his mark in the world. His political faith is Democratic, and he is a member of the Lutheran church. He is superintendent of the Sunday school attached to that institution. He is a member of Vandergrift Lodge, No. 1116, I. O. O. F.; Apollo Lodge, No. 386, B. P. O. E.; Vandergrift Lodge, No. 502, K. P.; and Vandergrift Council, No. 1751, R. A. He married, October 1, 1895, Lillie Margaret McKinstry, born June 21, 1878, daughter of Thompson and Margaret (Brown) McKinstry, of Apollo. They are the parents of two children: Mildred Irene, born January 3, 1897; and Lillian Grace, born August 13, 1898.

EDWARD V. WILLIAMS, a well known mining man of Westmoreland county, was born in Irwin, Pennsylvania, August 18, 1865, and was the son of William and Mary J. (Luker) Williams. He was one of a family of three children, of whom two survive: William Harry, engaged in the commission business at Pittsburg; and Edward V., of whom later. His paternal grandfather came to this country from Wales, locating in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the mines. William Williams, his father, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, about 1827. He was reared at home, became a miner, and followed this profession for a number of years. Later he became a contractor, and some time afterwards owned and operated a country mine. He is still a contractor and resides in Irwin. Mary J. (Lukes) Williams, his wife, died June 19, 1903. He married (second) Anna Owens. They have no children. Mr. Williams is a Republican, and a member of the United Presbyterian church.

Edward V. Williams was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools. When sixteen years of age he entered the Western Union telegraph office at Irwin, where he learned to be a telegraph operator. In 1884 he went to Charleston, South Carolina, where his brother Harry was located, being private secretary to J. H. Averill, superintendent of the South Carolina railroad. Here he was employed for three months in an office at Charleston. At the end of this time he was given a position at Branchville, South Carolina, where he remained for about three years. In 1887 he returned home and soon after went to Buffalo, where he took a business course in the Buffalo Business University. He then accepted a position in the car-tracing office of the Buffalo, Pittsburg and Rochester railroad. In 1889 he accepted a position with the Penn Gas Coal Company as station agent, clerk and telegraph operator at Gratztown. One year later he was made superintendent of

mine No. 4 at Gratztown. When the Ayers Hollow mine was opened he was also made superintendent of this mine, and thus became superintendent of the two mines. In 1902 mine No. 3 at Blackburn was opened and the superintendency of this mine was also added to his list. In November, 1903, mine No. 4 was shut down and Mr. Williams was transferred to mine No. 3 at Blackburn, where he is now located. In connection with the mines here are operated one hundred coke ovens. Mr. Williams married in 1889, Josephine Hunter, daughter of William Hunter, of Donegal township. They have had four children, three of whom are living: M. Romaine, Raymond, and Frederick. Mr. Williams is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He resides in Irwin, Pennsylvania.

JOHN CALVIN GUFFEY, a prosperous farmer of Westmoreland county, was born in Forward township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1858. He was the son of James L. and Mary (Scott) Guffey, and was one of a family of ten children, seven of whom survive: Robert C., of Elizabeth township, Allegheny County; Catharine E., resides at home and is the wife of Alfred Culp; James L., Jr., living at home; Sarah Mary, wife of Finney Wall, of Forward township, Allegheny county; Dr. Albert A., of McKeesport; Lucinda J., wife of Sidney McConnell, Forward township, Allegheny county; and John Calvin, of whom later.

His father, James L. Guffey, was born in 1825 on the farm where John C., now resides, and was the son of Robert and Sarah (Campbell) Guffey. He was one of a family of four children, all of whom survive: James L., the father of John C.; Mary A., unmarried and resides at West Newton with her brother Robert; Robert Campbell, who has retired from business and lives at West Newton; John R., of Sewickley township. James L. Guffey was reared in Sewickley township. Here he married and soon after went to Allegheny county, settling on a farm of fifty-six acres in Forward township, which was owned by his father. This farm was deeded to him and he has added to it additional land. He is now in comfortable circumstances and possesses a farm of about two hundred and twelve acres. He is a Democrat in politics, and for many years has been a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church. His wife, Mary (Scott) Guffey, was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, in August, 1828. She was the daughter of Zaccheus and Catharine (Andrews) Scott. She died in 1891. The grandfather of John C. Guffey, Robert Guffey, was born on a portion of the farm which our subject now owns. In 1798 he settled on this tract, consisting of sixty acres, which had been given to him by his father, and resided there up to the time of his death at the age of seventy-six. He was an industrious and hard-working man, and acquired two other farms. The great-grandfather of John C. Guffey, ——— Guffey, came to Westmoreland county at a very early date from somewhere east of the mountains. He was a prosperous farmer, and acquired five farms in Sewickley township. He had one son, Joseph, who was a member of the legislature and a prominent man in Democratic politics. His father, William Guffey, when he came to the United States from Scotland, was given a tract of land by King George in the eastern part of the state, upon which he settled. Late in life he came to Westmoreland county and was buried at the old Sewickley church.

John Calvin Guffey grew up at home and acquired his education in the common schools. After his marriage he came to Sewickley township, Westmoreland county. Here he rented a farm for three years. His brother, William F. Guffey, then came to Sewickley township and the two brothers pur-

chased a farm of one hundred and forty-three acres, which they farmed in partnership up to the time of William's death in January, 1905. John C. is now living on the farm upon which he settled in 1884, when he first came to Sewickley township. He also has charge of the farm owned by himself and his brothers' heirs. He is Democratic in politics and has served one term as supervisor. He is serving his third term as a member of the school board. When he was a candidate for his second term there were seven candidates and he received the highest vote. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and of Grace Lodge, No. 405, Knights of Pythias of Suterville. Mr. Guffey married in the spring of 1884, Jennie Moffett, daughter of James F. Moffett, of Rostraver, Westmoreland county. They have six children: Beulah C., at home; James L. C., was killed with the subject's brother William F., being struck by a train on January 27, 1905; Mary A., Mabel M., Loren E., and Zola P.

**GEORGE M. BRINTON.** The ancestors of George M. Brinton, of Penn township, were English and members of the Society of Friends, being of the same stock as that which settled eastern Pennsylvania, a stock which has throughout the history of the state, constituted one of the best and most influential elements therein.

Edward Brinton married Hannah Pierce, and their son, George Brinton, married Esther Matlack, and was a resident of Birmingham, England. They were the parents of a son, Amos Brinton, born December 22, 1754, in Birmingham, married Annie Smedley, and died November 28, 1823, at the age of sixty-nine years.

John Brinton, son of Amos and Annie (Smedley) Brinton, was born December 3, 1784, in Birmingham, and in early manhood emigrated to the United States, where he passed the remainder of his life as a farmer. During the war of 1812 he served in the army. He married Sarah Matlack, and their children were: Sarah Ann, Juliet, Amos, George M., mentioned hereinafter; Janithan, Edward S., Stephen M., Joel M., and William P. The death of Mr. Brinton occurred July 12, 1839, when he was but in the fifty-fifth year of his age.

George M. Brinton, son of John and Sarah (Matlack) Brinton, was born March 4, 1814, and was by occupation a farmer, owning a tract of land of three hundred and eighty acres on which Trafford City now stands, the old Brinton homestead being now used as the schoolhouse. Mr. Brinton married Susanna M. Funk, and their children were: Levi, married Annie McKinney; Sarah, married William Blackburn; Henry, married Bella Pettibone; Jane, married Richard McWilliams; Dawery, deceased, was married to Barbetta Shafer, left two children, Susan and Elma: Susan, wife of J. C. McGinniss; George M., mentioned hereinafter; Nora, died in early childhood; William P., died in early childhood. Mr. Brinton, the father of the family, died February 13, 1895, at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

George M. Brinton, son of George M. and Susanna M. (Funk) Brinton, was born February 21, 1857, and like his father and grandfather has led the life of a farmer. In 1901 he purchased a farm of sixty-eight acres in Penn township, and has since made his home thereon. He has travelled extensively in the United States, and in 1888 took his family for a trip which lasted four years, during which time they visited all the principal cities of the west. He now holds the office of tax assessor. He belongs to Turtle Creek Lodge, No. 777, I. O. O. F., and in politics is identified with the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he wields a potent influence. Mr. Brinton married, April 12, 1883, Naomi, daughter of

Joseph and Mary (Paterson) Chadwick, of Harrison City; and their children are: Frank E., born March 2, 1884; George M., born September 23, 1885; Naomi J., born October 18, 1887; Samuel C., born February 10, 1890, died March 12, 1891; Susan B., born October 18, 1891; Mary B., born January 20, 1894; Paul H., born September 17, 1895; Eliza M., born July 30, 1897; John C., born February 27, 1899; William P., born December 24, 1900; Eugene A., born November 16, 1902. Mrs. Brinton was one of a family of ten children, the names being as follows: Kate, Elizabeth, Jennie, Bella, John, Cydonia, Simpson, Naomi, mentioned above as the wife of George M. Brinton; Urilla, and Edmond.

**JOSEPH MUSE.** Kentucky was the original home of the family of which the late Joseph Muse, of Robbins, was a member. Mr. Muse was a son of John Muse, who was born in Handy Lexington, Kentucky, and moved to what is now Elrod, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and later to the Muse homestead in the same county. He was twice married, his first wife being Rebecca Edmundson, by whom he had five children: Fauntley, born 1821, married Annie Miller, and died in 1864, from the effects of a wound received in the civil war; Joseph, mentioned hereinafter; Catherine, born in May, 1825, married John Ludwick, of Allegheny county; John, born in March, 1827, married Martha Ludwick, also of Allegheny county; and George, born in 1830, died unmarried while serving in the army during the civil war. Mrs. Muse, who was a native of the same state as her husband, died in 1863, and Mr. Muse subsequently married Mrs. Ellen Wilson, of Allegheny City. By this marriage he was the father of three children: Harry, born in August, 1864, married and died several years ago; Blanche, born in September, 1865, is unmarried and lives with her mother at McKeesport; and Minnie, born in October, 1867, married C. L. Jones, of McKeesport.

Joseph Muse, son of John and Rebecca (Edmundson) Muse, was born July 29, 1823, in Allegheny county, on the old Muse homestead, which is still in the family. He assisted in the care and management of these acres until the occasion of his marriage, when he moved to Westmoreland county, and bought the present Muse farm, which he cultivated during the remainder of his life. For some time he held the office of supervisor. He affiliated with the Republican party, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Muse married, October 28, 1848, Cynthia, daughter of William and Sarah (Paul) Campbell, of Sewickley township, Westmoreland county. Mrs. Muse was born October 1, 1824. The children of this marriage were: Rebecca E., born September 21, 1849, married E. B. Sweeny of Derry township; James, born May 3, 1851, died July 27, 1863; John J., born February 19, 1853, lives at home; George W., born May 19, 1855, married Margaret Paul and lives at West Newton; Samuel P., born May 13, 1857, died December 16, 1880; Sarah E. F., born January 1, 1859, died February 26, 1864; Joseph P., born September 19, 1860; Fauntley E., born October 10, 1862, is unmarried and lives in Montana; and Asbury S., born June 25, 1868. The last named with his brothers, John J. and Joseph P., lives on the homestead. All three are unmarried. The death of Mr. Muse occurred October 22, 1886, when he was but little past the prime of life, and his widow, who survived him a number of years, expired November 11, 1902.

**HARRY THOMAS MORRISON.** The birth of Harry Thomas Morrison, of Vandergrift Heights, occurred March 23, 1861, in Upper Burrell township, where he was reared on the farm of his grandparents and educated



in the common schools. In his twenty-third year he entered the service of the Allegheny Valley railroad as engineer and watchman in the round house at Braeburn. One year later he resigned and accepted a position in the Crescent Steel works in Pittsburg, where he remained some eight years in the capacity of weighmaster. In December, 1893, he moved to Apollo and secured a position in the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company. For a short time he worked in the humblest capacity, but soon rose to the position of shearman, which he filled for a year. He was then made weighmaster and after serving five years again became shearman, that having been made in the interval a better position, and in this capacity he has ever since served. In June, 1897, having been transferred to the Vandergrift mills, he removed his family to the new residence on Vandergrift Heights which he had built and in which he has since resided. He is a Democrat and served as first assessor of the borough of Vandergrift Heights. He affiliates with Vandergrift Lodge, No. 1751, Royal Arcanum, and is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Morrison married, in 1891, Maud M., daughter of James G. Borland, of Upper Burrell township, and three children have been born to them: Alta Mercedes, deceased; Hallie Lucille, and Hazel Marie.

**PETER WHITEHEAD.** The Whiteheads of North Huntingdon township are of German descent, and the original Teutonic rendering of the name was Weiskopf. During the latter half of the eighteenth century a German couple of that name emigrated to America, settling in Richmond, Virginia, and while at sea the wife gave birth to a son, Valentine, whose star of destiny led him at an early age into the then almost unbroken wilderness of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. When a mere lad Valentine accompanied a company of soldiers to Fort Pitt (now Pittsburgh), where he made himself useful as guard over the woodpile and also rendered other services to the garrison. Endowed with the necessary courage he readily accustomed himself to the dangers and vicissitudes of frontier life, and subsequently became actively concerned in numerous offensive and defensive operations against the savages. When a young man he located in Sewickley township, from whence he removed to North Huntingdon, and was the founder of the present Whitehead estate in that township. His adventures and exploits, which were numerous, have been handed down through his descendants, and they serve to remind the present generation of the indomitable courage and perseverance displayed by their ancestors in the interest of civilization. "Twice was his cabin burned by the Indians and his encounters with them were many and fierce. It is related that on one occasion, while plowing, his horse gave indications of fear and refused to approach a certain portion of timber. Leaving his team Whitehead made a circuit of the field through the woods and shot an Indian, whom he surprised in ambush." The christian name of his wife was Mary, but her family name cannot now be obtained.

Peter Whitehead, son of Valentine, and father of the present representative of the family bearing that name, was born in North Huntingdon, February 24, 1796. His entire life was spent at the homestead, which he inherited, and he was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred May 6, 1867. In local public affairs he was quite prominent, serving one term as county commissioner, and in politics he was a Democrat. His religious affiliations were with the Reformed church, of which he was an elder. On October 11, 1813, he married Barbara Highberger, who was born February 18, 1794, daughter of Daniel Highberger, who came originally from Montgomery county. Barbara died November 29, 1834,

and on January 22, 1837, Peter Whitehead married her sister Catherine. His children, all of his first union, were: Elizabeth, born March 6, 1815; Maria, born September 20, 1816; Simon, born April 1, 1818; Ludwig, born 1820; Anna Catherine, born December 10, 1821; John Andrew, born June 21, 1823; Margaret, born November 24, 1824; Lucinda, born November 18, 1826; Sarah, born December 3, 1828; Peter, the date of whose birth will be given presently; and Rachel Jane, born August 6, 1832. Of these the only one now living is Peter, the principal of this sketch.

Peter Whitehead was born July 21, 1830. Reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools of Huntingdon he has devoted the active period of his life to the cultivation of the homestead property, which he purchased, and like his predecessors has acquired a comfortable prosperity. He is also extensively engaged in the breeding of fine live-stock. As a Democrat he participates more or less actively in political affairs, and for the years 1890-91-92 served with ability as supervisor. For a period of twenty-five years he has been a trustee of the Brush Creek Reformed Church, and in various other ways has displayed an active interest in the moral and religious welfare of the community. Mr. Whitehead married, October 10, 1853, Sarah Eisman, daughter of Jacob and Susan Eisman, of Hempfield township. Of this union were born ten children, namely: Alice A., Agnes, married John Kerr, and died June 1, 1903, leaving three children: Clarence, Alexander (now in the United States navy), and Sarah Jane. William O., married Alice Gongaware, and resides in Pueblo, Colorado, having one child, Welty. Susan M., married James Seanor, of Ludwig. Edwin G., resides at the homestead. Jacob E., who is the subject of another sketch in this work. Harry W., married Mary Gongaware, and resides in Irwin, having four children: Hazel, Walter, James, and Robert. Sadie E. Olive C. B., Laura W.

**SOBER FAMILY.** The grandfather of George and Andrew Sober, of Leechburg, was George Sober, the descendant of German ancestors and a resident of Northampton county, whence he came in 1798 to Westmoreland county. He purchased three hundred and twenty-five acres of land in Allegheny township, and turned his attention to agriculture, having formerly followed the carpenter's trade. His wife was Anna M. Artman, whom he married "on the other side of the mountains," and they were the parents of four children, three daughters and one son, Daniel.

Daniel Sober, son of George and Anna M. (Artman) Sober, was born in 1798, in Allegheny township, and in course of time inherited the homestead on which he passed his entire life as a farmer. For some time he held the office of supervisor of the township. He married Elizabeth Spiker, and their children were: John, George, mentioned hereinafter; Daniel, David, Andrew, also mentioned hereinafter; Christopher, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, Sarah, Catharine, and Ann C. All these children were born on the homestead in Allegheny township. George, Daniel and David, during the civil war, served one year in Company K, Sixty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, David dying in the service. The death of Mr. Sober, the father, occurred in 1885.

George Sober, one of the two surviving sons of Daniel and Elizabeth (Spiker) Sober, was born June, 1825, and has passed his life as a farmer in his native township. He owns the old farm upon which he was born, having bought out the other heirs. On this estate there is a well of natural gas. The house in which Mr. Sober lives was built in 1848 and is the third dwelling erected on the farm, the first having been a log structure. Until 1866 he was a Demo-

crat, but since that year has adhered to the Republican party. He married in 1853, Margaret Moorhead, and their children are: Elizabeth, D. W., John C., Charles F., and Annie. John C. Sober owns the farm in conjunction with his father and attends to the general farming. He married May Marshall, and they have three children: Margaret E., Mary M., and George M.

Andrew Sober, the other surviving son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Spiker) Sober, was born in 1836, and remained on the homestead until 1876. He has faithfully followed agricultural pursuits, in which he has been remarkably successful, owning a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres in a high state of cultivation. He has held the offices of school director and tax collector, and like his brother became a Republican in 1866, having previously been a Democrat. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church, in which he serves as trustee and treasurer, being in this respect exceptional in his family, the majority of whom are Lutherans. Mr. Sober has been twice married. His first wife was Frances Hill, to whom the following children were born: Israel, deceased; Herman, deceased; David, married Annie Deiffendoffer, and has two children: Mabel and Pearl; Henry, married Maggie Garrett, and had one child; Craig, married Annie Miller, and has two sons: Clifford and Arthur; James, married Maggie McGuire, and has three children: Lavinia, Andrew and Filmore; John; Minnie, wife of J. C. Stuart, and mother of two children; Mabel and Frances; Herman (2), married Annie Walters, and has five children: Myrtle, Vernie, Maria, Hazel and Clinton O. Israel, the eldest of the family, left a widow, Martha (Walters) Sober, and one daughter, Ellen. After the death of his wife Mr. Sober married Catharine Keppel. By this marriage there were no children.

D. W. Sober, son of George and Margaret (Moorhead) Sober, was born in 1858, in Allegheny township, where he was reared and educated. Until his twenty-second year he remained on his father's farm, and then turned his attention to the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1887. In that year he established himself in the lumber business at Leechburg, remaining there four years. In 1891 he moved his business to Avonmore, and in 1892 formed a partnership with Charles A. Hill and Thomas H. Gough under the firm name of the Hill Lumber Company. The connection is still maintained and the transactions of the firm are extensive. In 1903 Mr. Sober built his present home. He has served eight years on the borough council, and is a member of the Lutheran church, in which he has held many offices of trust and responsibility. Mr. Sober married, November 4, 1887, Mary E., daughter of Simon P. and Mary (Shearer) Faulk. The former, who is a prosperous farmer of Allegheny township, was born November 19, 1824, in Armstrong county, and is the descendant of ancestors who served both in the war of 1812 and in the revolutionary struggle. His father was an accomplished scholar and his mother was granddaughter of Daniel Broadhead. This Daniel was a descendant of another Daniel Broadhead, who was a captain in the British forces, which, in 1664, took possession of New Amsterdam, which then became New York. Andrew J. Faulk, brother of Simon P. Faulk, was governor of Dakota in 1866-69.

**SAMUEL BELL.** Ireland was the native country of the late Samuel Bell, of Bell township. His birth occurred in 1816, and in 1836 he emigrated to the United States, being the only one of his father's children to seek a home in the New World. He settled near Pittsburg, where he learned the blacksmith's trade and where he remained and worked at his trade for a number of years. Later in life he moved to McKeesport and subsequently

became one of the agriculturists of Bell township, where he owned one hundred and forty-four acres of valuable farm land. Mr. Bell married in 1855, in McKeesport, Mary Irwin, and the following children were born to them, three of whom are living: H. G., attorney, married and has three children: James, Verah and Samuel; Charles D., civil engineer; and Alexander M., farmer on the homestead, married Martha M. Alcorn, and has no children. James, one of the deceased sons, was for eighteen years clerk of the court. In 1892 Mr. Bell closed his long and useful life, being then seventy-six years old.

Mrs. Bell is a daughter of Hezekiah and Harriet (Gamble) Irwin, the former a native of West Newton, Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1808. He was one of the leading farmers of Westmoreland county, owning one hundred and thirty-seven acres in his own name, and in company with his wife having a half-interest in one hundred and thirteen acres more. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, six of whom are living: Mary, born 1831, in West Newton, widow of Samuel Bell; John, Sarah, Martha, Celia, and Hezekiah D., who has been for twenty years clerk in the United States circuit court. Mrs. Irwin was a granddaughter of a member of the Gamble family who in 1756 emigrated from Ireland. His son, John Gamble, was born in 1785, in Westmoreland county, where he was the owner of two hundred acres of land, being one of the well-to-do farmers of the period. He married Sarah Doughill, and one of their daughters was Harriet, wife of Hezekiah Irwin. Their other children were: H. D., Samuel H., Elizabeth, James, John, Mary, Olive, and Hiram. All these grew to maturity, the sons filling various offices of trust and responsibility. The Gamble family was represented in the ranks of the revolutionary army and was also distinguished for patriotism in the civil walks of life.

**GARRETT W. DAWSON.** Joseph W. Dawson, father of Garrett W. Dawson, of Vandergrift, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and as a young man went to Wilmington, Delaware, where he worked in the mills of the McCullough Iron Company, having the honor of helping in the manufacture of the first iron ever drawn from the furnaces in those mills. He has since, for a period of thirty years, remained continuously with the company, and now holds the position of pair heater. He votes with the Republicans. Mr. Dawson married Susanna Steele, and ten of their thirteen children are now living: Garrett W., mentioned hereinafter; Harry A., of Wilmington, Delaware; Mamie, wife of a Mr. Barber, of Newcastle, Delaware; William, also of Wilmington; Norris, Frank, Edward, Lewis, Margaret, and Anna all of whom are likewise residents of Wilmington.

Garrett W. Dawson, son of Joseph W. and Susanna (Steele) Dawson, was born August 14, 1872, in North East, Maryland, and was educated in the public schools of Wilmington, Delaware. As early as his twelfth year he was errand boy in a wholesale store, and subsequently entered the foundry of the Malleable Iron Company, of Wilmington, where he worked as a core maker, being too young for apprenticeship to the moulder's trade. He was then employed for about six months by the Edgemore Iron Company, of Edgemore, Delaware, after which he accepted the offer of a position in the mills of the McCullough Iron Company, in Wilmington, remaining with them twelve years. During this time he rose from the lowest place to that of roller and filled nearly every position in the mills because of the advantages offered him and because he took advantage of those opportunities. In 1899 he went to Vandergrift to accept a position with the Apollo Iron & Steel Company.

After working for a short time as rougher he was made roller, being given one of the heavy mills. This position he has held for the last six years. He affiliates with Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 1116, and Encampment No. 284, I. O. O. F. His political affiliations are with the Republicans. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and ever since his arrival in Vandergrift has served on the official board. He is now president of the Epworth League. Mr. Dawson married, June 20, 1901, Minnie Cochran, of Apollo, two daughters: Eloise Marie, and Martha Larue.

**ROBERT HODGSON.** The grandfather of Robert Hodgson, of Apollo, was Samuel Hodgson, who emigrated from England with his family and settled in Chartiers township, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was the father of eleven children: Samuel, mentioned hereinafter; John, and nine daughters.

Samuel Hodgson, son of Samuel Hodgson, the emigrant, for many years successfully carried on the dairy business in partnership with his brother John, and bought a farm of thirty-five acres in Chartiers township. This farm is now a part of the city of Pittsburg. Mr. Hodgson married Matilda McDowel, and their children were: Mary, deceased; Robert, mentioned hereinafter; Jane, Isabella, Alice, and Joseph, deceased. The mother of these children died in 1856, and her husband survived her many years, passing away in 1890, at the advanced age of eighty-four.

Robert Hodgson, son of Samuel and Matilda (McDowel) Hodgson, was born October 23, 1841, in Chartiers township (now the fifty-ninth ward of Pittsburg), Allegheny county. He was educated in his native place, at the age of nineteen became a teacher, and for twenty-four years thereafter was engaged in educational work. Fifteen years of this time he was an instructor in the public schools of Pittsburg and Allegheny. In 1884 he moved to Armstrong county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1897, when he removed to Washington township and purchased his present farm, which he has successfully devoted to the cultivation of fruit. His trees comprise twelve hundred peach, three hundred apple, four hundred plum, two hundred pear and over one hundred cherry, besides all kinds of small fruits. He makes a specialty of the native peach, and has in all one hundred and fifty acres under cultivation. He is a close student, particularly along his chosen line of endeavor. Mr. Hodgson married, May 27, 1870, Annie M., daughter of James and Mary A. (Berry) Obey, and their children are: Mary A., wife of Harvey Jack, of Kittanning; Jennie B., wife of E. R. Cypher; Lulu S., wife of Johnson Broski, of Vandergrift; Robert O., of Pittsburg; and Edwin S.

**WILLIAM HEIMBERGER.** The parents of William Heimberger, of Saltsburg, were Philip and Theresa (Huffman) Heimberger, both natives of Germany. Out of their family of six children two emigrated to the United States: William, mentioned hereinafter; and Frank, who was a cabinetmaker, and was accidentally drowned at Braddock during the high water of 1884.

William Heimberger, son of Philip and Theresa (Huffman) Heimberger, was born May 17, 1859, in Baden, Heidelberg, Germany, and was educated in his native country. Early in life he was apprenticed to the machinist's trade, which he mastered to perfection. In obedience to the law of the land which requires every male subject to give three years of his life to military service, he served that length of time in a cavalry regiment. In 1882 he emigrated to the United States, arriving October 3, and settled at Braddock, Pennsylvania, where for three years he worked in a machine shop. He next went to Martin's Ferry,

Ohio, where he worked at his trade for one year, and then moved to Wheeling, West Virginia, remaining there three years. About this time he became engaged in the erection of rolling-mills in various parts of the country, and moved from place to place as necessity demanded. He continued in this business for eight years, but during that time made Duquesne his place of residence. In 1897 he moved to Avonmore and there helped to organize the West Penn Foundry & Machine Company, in which he became a stockholder. Since that time he has been in the service of the company. The year of his coming to Avonmore he purchased part of the old Rhea farm, consisting of sixty-two acres. This is one of the old farms of Bell township and was formerly the site of an Indian village. Mr. Heimberger, while ploughing, has turned up many Indian relics which he has preserved and takes pleasure in showing to those interested in these memorials of a by-gone age. Since taking possession of his farm he has greatly improved it, erecting out-buildings and enriching the soil. The dwelling house was built about 1835. With the assistance of his sons he is enabled to manage the farm and at the same time attend to his duties in the machine shop. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Heimberger married, December 20, 1883, while residing at Martin's Ferry, Anna Gerke, a native of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Heimberger have been the parents of the following children: Augusta, Anna, deceased; Herman, William, Bertha, Edward, and George.

**JAMES GARDNER.** The family of which James Gardner, of Apollo, is a member is of Irish origin and was planted in this country by Robert Gardner who settled in Huntingdon county. He was a farmer and a revolutionary soldier.

Thomas Gardner son of Robert Gardner, was a farmer, but not a land-owner, and served in the war of 1812. In 1824 he moved with his family from Hunterdon county to Westmoreland and settled at Murraysville. His wife was Sarah Scovin, a descendant of Colonel Hand, who was a native of England and during the French and Indian war had charge of Duquesne barracks near Pittsburgh. It was in honor of him that Fort Hand received its name. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner had children: James, mentioned hereinafter; Samuel, Edward, Rebecca J., John, Martha, Thomas, Elizabeth, Ann, Hannah, Robert and Nancy. Samuel and John became tillers of the soil. The latter served during the civil war in Company C, Fourteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded. Thomas was a private in Company C, Ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves.

James Gardner, son of Thomas and Sarah (Scovin) Gardner, was born May 12, 1824, in Hunterdon county, and the same year was taken by his parents to Murrysville, where he received his education. During the civil war he served with the rank of first corporal in Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after remaining nearly one year was honorably discharged. Soon after the close of the war he purchased his present farm of sixty-five acres, upon which he erected a house in 1870. His trade was that of a carpenter, which he followed for twenty-six years, building most of the barns in his section of the county. These stand today as monuments of his handwork. At the same time he cultivated his farm, and when his sons grew up turned the land over to them while he plied his trade. He has served his township as supervisor, and is a Republican in politics. His faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Gardner married in 1847. Ann J. Walker, and their children were: Jane, deceased; Peninah, John, Martha, deceased; Ellen, deceased; Kate, Thomas, William O., Elizabeth, Belle and Stephen.

**HINE FAMILY.** The family represented by Jacob M. Hine, of Apollo, and Thomas D. Hine, of Salina, was planted in Westmoreland county about 1785. The founder was Simon Hine, who was of Dutch parentage and by some thought to be of foreign birth. He came hither from Northampton county, where he had lived some time, and where some of his children were born. He settled first in the neighborhood of Greensburg, but later moved to what is now known as Bell township, where he purchased from the government two hundred acres of land on which he built a log house. He was a blacksmith as were also some of his sons. The iron which they used was carried on horseback from Pittsburg, a distance of thirty miles. Simon Hine married a Miss Crissman, and their children, all of whom were born "east of the mountains," were: Jacob, who succeeded his father on the homestead, was a blacksmith, married and had the following children: Peter, Simon, Jacob, Elizabeth, Susan and Hannah; John, Nicholas, mentioned hereinafter; Simon, Peter, Catharine, Charlotte, Elizabeth.

Nicholas Hine, son of Simon Hine, was born in Northampton county, and for a number of years successfully followed the blacksmith's trade. He purchased two hundred acres of land in Bell township, now the property of his son, Jacob M. Hine. On this land he erected a substantial stone house, which is now the home of this son. Before his death he became the owner of two hundred and fifty acres. He held in the township the offices of supervisor and tax collector. He was a staunch Democrat, and adhered strictly to the tenets of the Lutheran church in which he served as elder and deacon. Mr. Hine married Susanna Cline, and their children were: Mary, Simon, Margaret, Philip, Susanna, Charlotte, John, Jacob M., mentioned hereinafter; Thmoas D., mentioned hereinafter; Elizabeth, and three who died in youth. All are deceased, with the exception of Jacob M., Thomas D., Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Pugh, and Elizabeth. The death of Mr. Hine occurred about 1865. He was survived for several years by his widow.

Jacob M. Hine, son of Nicholas and Susanna (Cline) Hine, was born December 12, 1835, in Bell township, on the homestead where he has ever since lived and of which he is now the owner. In 1904 he built a barn, which is thus far the largest ever erected in the state of Pennsylvania, in extent eighty-six by one hundred and thirty-four feet, two stories high and capable of accommodating one hundred head of horses in addition to other farm stock. The total cost was twelve thousand dollars. Over and above his Bell township property Mr. Hine owns the Hotel Kiskia, in Saltsburg. He has never married.

Thomas D. Hine, son of Nicholas and Susanna (Cline) Hine, was born in 1837, on the homestead, and early turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. he is the owner of a farm of one hundred acres, formerly the property of Miss S. Buzzard. On this land, since 1871, he has made his home and systematically devoted himself to general farming. Mr. Hine married in 1868, Ella C. Williams, and of their seven children four are living: Lizzie, R. J., married Anna Gughenberger, and is the father of two children; Lydia W., and Sadie P.

**ALCORN FAMILY.** The numerous and well-known race of which George E., George A. and Robert N. Alcorn, all of Saltsburg, are representatives, was founded in this country by two brothers, who about the close of the eighteenth century came hither from Donegal, Ireland. They were George and John Alcorn. The former married, in his native country, Nancy Porter, and they brought with them to this country three children: John, Mattie and Jennie. Of this number, John died on the voyage and was buried at sea. They settled in Bell township, where Mr. Alcorn purchased sixty acres of land

to which he subsequently added, making in all three hundred acres. The children born to himself and his wife in their new home were: John (2), mentioned hereinafter; George, also mentioned hereinafter; and Peggy. Mr. Alcorn, the father, was a staunch Democrat and a Presbyterian. His death occurred in 1830.

George Alcorn, son of George and Nancy (Porter) Alcorn, was born in Bell township, married, and was the father of four children: William, mentioned hereinafter; Hannah, Mary; and one deceased in youth. In 1854 Mr. Alcorn, the father, built the house now occupied by his grandson, George E. Alcorn.

William Alcorn, son of George Alcorn, was born in 1830, in Bell township, and was the owner of a farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres. He filled creditably several township offices. He married Nancy B. McCauley, born in 1838, in Salem township, and they were the parents of a daughter and a son: Ella J., deceased; and George E., mentioned hereinafter. Mrs. Alcorn died in 1890, and the death of Mr. Alcorn occurred in 1903.

George E. Alcorn, son of William and Nancy B. (McCauley) Alcorn, was born in 1860, in Bell township, where he received his education. After spending three years in Pittsburg, working at the carpenter's trade, he returned to the homestead, of which he became the owner on the death of his father, and on which he now lives. He has held for some time the office of school director. Mr. Alcorn married in 1886, Anna, daughter of Robert and Jane Alcorn, and they have two sons: Homer and Lawrence.

John Alcorn, son of George and Nancy (Foster) Alcorn, was born August 1, 1804, in Bell township, and married Keziah Nicholas, born June 25, 1808. The marriage took place in 1832, and their children were: Robert N., mentioned hereinafter; Mary J., born 1835; Nancy, born 1837; Martha M., born 1839; Hulda K., born 1842; John (twin to Hulda K.), deceased; Delilah, born 1845; and George A., mentioned hereinafter. The father of the family died October 17, 1878, and his widow passed away January 17, 1899, in the ninety-first year of her age.

Robert N. Alcorn, son of John and Keziah (Nicholas) Alcorn, was born December 25, 1833, and has always followed agricultural pursuits. His farm, which consists of one hundred and fifty acres, he has owned since 1865 and has always maintained in the best possible condition, devoting it to the purposes of general farming. In 1875 he erected his fine dwelling and in 1883 his spacious and convenient barn. Like all the other members of the family he is a Democrat in politics and a Presbyterian in religious belief. Mr. Alcorn married in 1875, Jane Cook, born August, 1835, and three of their four children are now living: Belle; Frank, a physician in Pittsburg; and Joseph, a farmer.

George A. Alcorn, son of John and Keziah (Nicholas) Alcorn, was born in 1847, and is one of the successful farmers of the township, owning an estate of one hundred and forty-one acres. In sight of the house is an Indian camping-ground, where have been found several interesting Indian relics. True to the traditions of his family Mr. Alcorn supports the Democratic party, and adheres to the faith of the Presbyterian denomination. Mr. Alcorn is unmarried and his two sisters, Hulda K. and Delilah, make their home with him.

**JAMES WHITESELL.** The family of which James Whitesell, of Salina, is a representative, was founded in Westmoreland county by an ancestor of German extraction, whose birthplace had been the Fatherland, while his wife was a native of Holland. They came from "east of the mountains."



settling in Allegheny township, and their sons were: John, mentioned hereinafter; Jonathan and Philip.

John Whitesell, son of the pioneer ancestor, was born in 1788, in Allegheny township, and was a farmer and also "a wagoner," hauling goods between Pittsburg and Baltimore, while his sons attended to the duties of the farm, which consisted of one hundred and thirty acres. Mr. Whitesell married Catharine Clawson, of Bell township, born in 1782, and their children were: Isaac, Mary, James, mentioned hereinafter; Eliza, Ellen, Jonathan, Susan, Peter, and Alexander. Of this number Jonathan is the only survivor. The parents of these children both lived to very advanced ages, the father dying in 1875, at the age of eighty-seven, and the mother passing away in 1877, having lived to within five years of the century limit.

James Whitesell, son of John and Catharine (Clawson) Whitesell, was born December 12, 1817, in Washington township, and was a prosperous agriculturist, his farm consisting of one hundred and fourteen acres of valuable land well underlaid with coal and gas. He built for himself a fine residence which is now occupied by his son James, the present owner of the farm. Like all the Whitesells, he was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Whitesell married Elizabeth Yockey, born December 2, 1817, in Bell township, and their children were: Abanna, Martha, John, Carpenter, Christopher, Susan, Mary, Jonathan, James, mentioned hereinafter; and Samuel H. With the exception of James, John, Carpenter and Jonathan are the only survivors. Mr. Whitesell, the father, died July 2, 1899, and the death of his widow occurred July 17, 1904.

James Whitesell, son of James and Elizabeth (Yockey) Whitesell, was born in 1857, on the farm he now owns, in Bell township, where he received his education in the common schools, subsequently turning his attention to agricultural pursuits. His farm, which is in a high state of cultivation, consists of one hundred and sixty acres. He has held the offices of tax collector and school director. He married in 1885, Ellen R. McGeary, and their children are: Edith C., William J. F., Edna M., Paul C., Eleanor G., Arthur J., Helen G., and an unnamed infant. Mrs. Whitesell belongs to one of the old pioneer families of Allegheny township, where she was born in 1863, daughter of William and Maria McGeary.

**CHARLES B. CARNAHAN.** The ancestors of Charles B. Carnahan, of Salina, were among the pioneers of Westmoreland county. Hither, in 1792, came David Carnahan, from "east of the mountains." He was the son of Irish parents and settled in Bell township, where he patented six hundred acres of land from the government. His sons were: John, David, mentioned hereinafter; and Joseph.

David Carnahan, son of David Carnahan, the pioneer, owned one hundred acres of the original six hundred taken up by his father, and was one of the prosperous farmers of his day. His wife was Mary Bash, and their children were: John, David, Marion, mentioned hereinafter; Adam, Samuel, Washington, Mary and Elizabeth.

Marion Carnahan, son of David and Mary (Bash) Carnahan, was born in 1819, in Bell township, and married Anna Alms, who bore him the following children: F. M., Samuel, mentioned hereinafter; M. L., George, and Maria.

Samuel Carnahan, son of Marion and Alma (Alms) Carnahan, was born and educated in Bell township. For some years he was engaged in mercantile business. He married Mattie Caldwell, also a native of Bell township, and their children were: William, Carl, Arthur, Harry, and Charles B., mentioned

hereinafter. Mrs. Carnahan died in 1894, and the death of Mr. Carnahan occurred June, 1902.

Charles B. Carnahan, son of Samuel and Mattie (Caldwell) Carnahan, was born in 1874, in Bell township, where he was reared and educated and during his youth was variously employed. He spent several years in the service of William McCauley, who bequeathed to him his farm of one hundred and eighteen acres. Mr. Carnahan has been in possession of this valuable and productive property since 1897, and from that time to the present has led the life of an energetic and successful farmer. He has served his township as school director. Mr. Carnahan married, in 1895, Mary E. Welch, and three children have been born to them: Martha, Mary, and De Witt.

JAMES THOMAS DUNN, a tinsmith by trade, and a respected citizen of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, traces his ancestry to Ireland.

Patrick Dunn was born in Dublin, Ireland. He came to America about 1855, with his only brother, John. They went to Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, and shortly after separated, and Patrick never heard of his brother again. Patrick obtained employment in the coal mines, and followed this occupation for fifty years. He was an adherent of the Democratic party, and a member of the Catholic church. He died September 17, 1897. He married Hester Saddler, daughter of Joseph Saddler, a stonecutter of Hempfield township. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dunn were: Margaret, died in infancy; Elizabeth, married Thomas Wallace, and had children; Thomas Augustine Francis, born June 22, 1884; Frances Agatha, October 7, 1885; Mary Seliscas, February 7, 1887; Rose Marie, July 1, 1888; Henrietta Elizabeth, May 8, 1890; Rabonnas Edward, October 3, 1892; John; Adeline; Mary, married John Edenbo, and has children: John, Catherine, Emma, George, James, Elizabeth. Sophia. James Thomas, of whom later. Ellen. Sarah. Augustus. Mrs. Patrick Dunn died September 15, 1905.

James Thomas Dunn, second son and seventh child of Patrick and Hester (Saddler) Dunn, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1867. He was educated in Agnew's schoolhouse and at the Greensburg Academy. He was then apprenticed to the tinsmithing trade, with Henry B. Temple, of Greensburg, where he is still employed. He has been faithful and industrious in the discharge of his duties, and has made many friends both in business and social life. He married, October 5, 1888, Alice Elizabeth Kuhns, daughter of ——— and Lydia Kuhns, and their children are: Thomas Francis, born July 11, 1889. Josephine, born March 5, 1892. Patrick Lawrence, born November 27, 1893. Joseph Raymond, born December 29, 1895. Hester Marie, born January 27, 1900. Sarah Alice, born September 8, 1901. William Henry, born February 4, 1904. Mr. Dunn is a Democrat, and a member of the Catholic church.

GEORGE M. PAHEL, boss machinist in the railroad shops at Youngwood, was born near Duryea Station, April 1, 1864, and is a son of James and Jane Pahal. The father is now residing with his son Henry in Duryea, at the age of seventy-eight years. In his early life he followed the canal for a number of years, after which he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with which he was connected until his retirement from active business life. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and is a member of the Reformed church, in which he served as deacon for a number of years. He is also a veteran of the civil





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war, being one of six brothers who enlisted in defense of the Union cause, and two of the number were killed at the front. James Pahel is now a member of Henry Gibson Post, No. 384, G. A. R. His children, six in number, all yet survive: Henry O., a locomotive engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad and resides at Duryea; Robert L., a caller for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Duryea; Jacob W., conductor on the same road and lives at Duryea; George M.; Mary, wife of Abednigo Sylvester, of Duryea; and Matilda, wife of John Eckman, at Duryea.

George M. Pahel acquired his education in the public schools, and at the age of sixteen years entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, being engaged at repair work under Andrew McCullough, track foreman of the Pittsburg division. For two years he was located at Duryea, at the end of which time he accepted a position in the paper mills at West Newton, where he was employed for five years. In 1887 he again entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, accepting a position under Mac McClellan, roundhouse foreman at Duryea, in the capacity of machinist. In the fall of 1900 he was promoted and sent to Youngwood to act as boss machinist in the shops of this place. He is an expert machinist, thoroughly conversant with the work of building a locomotive in every part, and is therefore well qualified for the additional responsibility given him. Mr. Pahel married, January 9, 1884, Catherine E. Baer, daughter of Ephriam Baer, of West Newton, Pennsylvania, and they have four children: Harry M., William D., Mamie and Sadie. In his political views Mr. Pahel is a Democrat, and in 1903 was elected a member of the borough council of Youngwood. He belongs to Youngwood Lodge, No. 667, I. O. O. F.; Duryea Tent, K. O. T. M., and the Voluntary Relief Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

OSCAR LINDQUIST. Sweden was the native land of the ancestors of Oscar Lindquist, of Leechburg. It was there that his father, Hinning A. Lindquist, was born in 1842, entering the railroad service early in life and becoming a railroad promoter and a builder of docks. He is a skilled mechanic and engineer, and now holds the position of chief engineer of the government railroad in Sweden. All his sons have inherited his mechanical genius and all have served a mechanical apprenticeship in their native land. Mr. Lindquist married Elsa Nordberg, and five of their seven children are now living: Oscar, mentioned hereinafter; Otto B., master mechanic with Eastern Steel Company, Pottsville, Pennsylvania; Theodore S., foreman of machine shop, Pottsville; Charles E., of Helsenberg, Sweden; and Hulda, at home.

Oscar Lindquist, son of Hinning A. and Elsa (Nordberg) Lindquist, was born December 10, 1862, in Sweden, where he acquired a common school education. At the age of twelve he entered on an apprenticeship in the machine shops of Helsenberg, in which he was employed until 1881. In the spring of that year he emigrated to the United States, arriving April 24, at the home of his uncle in Irwin, Pennsylvania. A few days later he went to McKeesport, where he secured employment in the National Tube works as a roller, in which capacity he served nearly ten years. In 1890 he went to Apollo, where he was given the position of millwright in the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company and was not long after made night superintendent. In this latter position he served until 1900, being transferred to the Vandergrift mills on their opening in November, 1896. In 1900 he was made superintendent of the Kirkpatrick works at Leechburg, owned by the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, and in this position he is still serving. On the organization of the borough of Vandergrift Mr. Lindquist was elected a member of the council, and some two

months later was appointed by Judge Doty burgess of the borough to complete the unexpired term of H. W. Nichols, who resigned. At the end of the term Mr. Lindquist was elected to the office, which he resigned on his removal to Leechburg in 1900. He was an important factor in the development and up-building of the borough, more especially in the construction of the bridge. He belongs to Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, F. and A. M., of Vandergrift, and was a charter member of Vandergrift Lodge, I. O. O. F. He also affiliates with Orient Chapter, No. 247, R. A. M., of Kittanning, and with Tankard Commandery, No. 48, K. T., and Pennsylvania Consistory, A. A. S. R., both of Pittsburg. His political support is given to the Republican party. He was a charter member of the First Lutheran church of Vandergrift, serving as its treasurer until his removal to Leechburg. Mr. Lindquist married, January 13, 1884, Amanda Jane Rogers, daughter of a deceased civil war veteran of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, and their children were: William B., in United States Navy; Hilda May, deceased; Edwin Rogers, also deceased; Eugene S., and Charlotte E., both of whom are at home.

JOHN ADDISON WILSON. The branch of the Wilson family represented in Larimer by John Addison Wilson, was founded by Robert Wilson, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to the United States and settled on a farm a mile and a half northwest of Larimer. Agriculture was his life-long employment. He married Jane Irwin, and their children were: 1. William, born 1819, married Nancy J. Long, born June 22, 1827, died October 19, 1889. His death occurred April 16, 1884, at the age of sixty-five. 2. John Irwin, born 1821, married Nancy Ritchie, and died 1896. His widow is a resident of Irwin. 3. James, born 1824, died May 12, 1847, aged twenty-three years. 4. Charles, mentioned hereinafter. 5. Eliza, born 1831, married Robert A. Hope. 6. Mary, became the wife of James Mason. 7. Samuel H., married Susan McGrew, and lives at Kittanning. Mr. Wilson, the father, died January 8, 1846, at the age of seventy, and his widow expired February 20, 1862, aged sixty-two years.

Charles Wilson, son of Robert and Jane (Irwin) Wilson, was born January 23, 1827, on the farm near Larimer. He learned the brick-laying trade at Pittsburg and followed it all his life. He filled the offices of assessor and register, was a Republican in politics, and a member of the United Presbyterian church. He married, May 22, 1866, Elizabeth Jane Brown, granddaughter of Henry Brown, who was of Scotch-Irish descent and a native of Penn township. He was a farmer, and moved to Jefferson county, where he died. His children were: Thomas, John, Andrew, Joseph, William, Henry, David, Margaret and Sarah. John Brown, son of Henry Brown, mentioned above, was born in 1817, and was a resident of North Huntingdon township. He married Margaret, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Mahaffey, and their children were: Addison, Elizabeth Jane, who became the wife of Charles Wilson, as mentioned above; George, Joseph Mahaffey, Annie M., John and Ada T. Mr. Brown died in January, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were the parents of the following children: George Edward, born April 25, 1867, died at the age of five years; John Addison, mentioned hereinafter, and Samuel Harry, born December 16, 1874. Since ten or twelve years previous to his marriage Mr. Wilson was a continuous resident of Larimer. He never knew a day's illness with the exception of the brief indisposition preceding his death, which occurred September 25, 1884. He is survived by his widow, who is a resident of Irwin.

John Addison Wilson, son of Charles and Elizabeth Jane (Brown) Wilson,

was born February 14, 1872, at Larimer. He was educated in the common schools and learned the plumbing trade at Pitcairn, in that department of the Pennsylvania railroad where he is still employed. In November, 1904, he was appointed justice of the peace in Larimer, and at the February election was chosen to succeed himself. He votes with the Republican party. Mr. Wilson married, July 14, 1893, Lyda Jeannette, daughter of Squire William M. and Harriet (Lenhart) Leffler, of Trafford City, Pennsylvania, formerly of Jacksonville. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have three sons: Murray Vaughn, born July 21, 1896; Warren Dean, born May 26, 1899; and Kenton Leffler, born July 25, 1901.

ANDREW CRAIG is the representative in the present generation of a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania, and which has furnished many members who have bravely done their duty in the station of life to which they were called.

Andrew Craig, Sr., father of Andrew Craig, Jr., was reared in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and spent the greater part of his life there. While he was still quite a youth, he commenced his business career by working on the boats which plied on the Allegheny river. He was industrious and thrifty, and rose, step by step, until he had attained the rank of captain. He was the master of a boat for many years, and as Captain Craig was well known throughout western Pennsylvania, as he was one of the pioneer river men. On the completion of the Allegheny Valley railroad from Pittsburg to Kittanning, Mr. Craig left the river in order to take charge of the first engine ever taken over the newly completed road from Pittsburg to Kittanning. For a short time he continued in this new occupation, but being then well advanced in years, retired from so active a life, and spent the remainder of his days in Kittanning.

Andrew Craig, Jr., was born in Allegheny township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1852. He was reared on a farm near Leechburg, Pennsylvania, making his home with Captain Henry Truby, an intimate friend and associate of his father. Mr. Craig remained with his foster father until his twenty-second year, when he decided that farming was not the occupation he desired for his life work. He went to Leechburg and there secured employment as a teamster for the mills of the Rodgers and Burchfield Iron & Steel Company, his work consisting of hauling coal for the use of the mills. He performed this duty conscientiously for two years, and was then advanced to a position in the mills, and from that time has made steady progress upward, rising from step to step, though his advance was gradual. In 1897, when the New Vandergrift Mills began operating, Mr. Craig was transferred to Vandergrift, and late in 1899 was promoted to the position of sheet heater, in which capacity he has served up to the present time. When he received his appointment at the Vandergrift mills, he removed his family to Vandergrift Heights, and purchased property there, in which he now resides. In politics Mr. Craig is a staunch Republican, and has served as a member of both Leechburg and Vandergrift Heights councils. He is burgess of the present borough. He served several years as a member of the school board, and is one of the progressive and representative men of Vandergrift Heights. Mr. Craig married, September 17, 1874, Harriet Grinder, daughter of Peter Grinder, a prominent farmer of Armstrong county, who is now living in retirement at the age of eighty-four years, and is a well preserved man. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are the parents of the following named children: Harry, deceased; James, catcher in the mills at Vandergrift, he lives at Vandergrift Heights; Oakie, wife of

Thomas Hill, lives at Vandergrift Heights; Calvin, bookkeeper in the mills and lives with his parents.

ADAM GOSSER. On both sides Adam Gosser, of Leechburg, is the descendant of German ancestors. His paternal grandfather, Adam Gosser, was a native of Northampton county, and carried on the business of a contractor at Greensburg and Stoystown pike.

William Gosser, son of Adam Gosser, was a blacksmith and followed his trade at Adamsburg and Leechburg, retiring from active labor twenty years prior to his death. He was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Gosser married Susanna Kistler, a native, like himself, of the neighborhood of Adamsburg, and a member of a pioneer family of German origin. By this marriage he was the father of four children: Louise, wife of George Lininger; Daniel; Albert M.; and Adam, mentioned hereinafter. The mother of these children died in Adamsburg in 1838, and Mr. Gosser subsequently married Lucy Punt, who bore him the following children: Jacob J., David, deceased; Perry, Annie, wife of Albert Anderson; Sarah (Mrs. Cochrain), deceased; Harry, and Amanda, deceased. Mr. Gosser died at Leechburg, in 1888, at the age of eighty-seven.

Adam Gosser, son of William and Susanna (Kistler) Gosser, was born in 1836, in Adamsburg, being reared and educated at Greensburg. For eight years he operated a grist-mill, and in 1865 went to Venango county, and there speculated largely in oil. He was interested in thirty oil wells, and in his speculations, which were extensive, experienced both loss and gain. In 1883, after eighteen years, he abandoned the oil field for agricultural pursuits. In that year he took up his abode on a farm in Allegheny township, which he had purchased in 1871 from the McClellan estate, and on which he has since resided. It consists of one hundred and fifty acres and is one of the model farms of the township. He has held the office of school director, and while in Venango county was road commissioner. He is a member of the Lutheran church, in which he serves as deacon. Mr. Gosser married in 1860, Zeruah Rodabach, of Rodabach Station, and they have two daughters: Susanna L. and Margaret A. The former is an accomplished teacher of twenty years' experience and also an artist of considerable merit, giving lessons to a large number of pupils in drawing and painting. The family residence was erected by Mr. Gosser in 1892.

GEORGE BURK, a native of Homer, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, a skillful and reliable engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, was born May 19, 1866, son of Andrew and Susan (Tilford) Burk, and grandson of John Burk, born in Somerset county, by occupation a farmer. He was also in charge of the work on the old Portage canal.

Andrew Burk (father) was born in 1837, a son of John and Julia Burk. He was by occupation a mill hand, and was employed by the Cambria Iron Company, of Johnstown, until his death, May 17, 1889. He enlisted in Company I, Third United States Cavalry. He was at the first battle of Bull Run, and took an active part in the war. Andrew and Susan (Tilford) Burk had children: Mary, Sophia, Flora B., Julia A., Elizabeth, John C., George, of whom later, Sylvester and Alexander.

George Burk, having made good use of the educational opportunities afforded him in the public schools of his native township, enrolled himself in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at the age of twenty-three years, and after a long and exceedingly arduous experience of ten years, was



advanced to the position of a regular locomotive engineer, in which capacity he has served continuously from January 27, 1889, to the present time (1906). He is widely and favorably known in railroad circles, and is a member of the B. L. E., and Blairsville Lodge, No. 406, B. P. O. E. He resides in Derry. He married, September 29, 1885, Jennie Fry, born in New Derry, Westmoreland county, October 27, 1871, daughter of Jacob and Maria C. (Barnes) Fry. Their children are: George C., born January 17, 1889; Hettie G., born January 29, 1890; Pearl S., born November 12, 1891; Earl, born January 5, 1893; and Mary E., born January 12, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Burk attend the Lutheran church.

**WILLIAM ARTHUR GROFT.** The grandfather of William Arthur Groft, of East Huntingdon township, was John Groft, who was born "east of the mountains," but spent the greater part of his life in Fayette and Westmoreland counties. He was a tailor by trade, and served in the army during the War of 1812. Politically he was a Republican. John Groft married Mary Lint, a native of Somerset, Virginia, and their children were: John, served in the Mexican war and was present at the taking of the city of Mexico; Katie Ann, married Samuel King; Eliza, married David King; Charles, was a farmer in California, and died there; Abraham, a farmer, died in Ohio; Samuel, a miller and distiller, died in Connellsville; Larne, married William Peoples, a blacksmith; Mary, married John L. Fritz, of Sewickley township; Jacob L., a brickmaker, died in Scottdale; Margaret, married James Flemming; George L., mentioned hereafter; Jeremiah, died in childhood. The parents of these children are deceased.

George L. Groft, son of John and Mary (Lint) Groft, was born August 3, 1836, in Fayette county, where he was educated in the common schools. At twenty-one he became a farmer, and later worked as a brickmaker, a cooper and a carpenter. The greater part of his life has been spent in Sewickley and East Huntingdon townships. In July, 1863, he enlisted in Company I, Sixty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was subsequently transferred to Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Zouaves. He was wounded in the knee at Spottsylvania Court House, and at second Hatches Run, February 6, 1865, was struck in the left temple by a minie ball which broke the skull. After the close of the war he was mustered out in Pittsburg. October 1, 1903, he entered the postal service as one of the rural mail carriers of Scottdale, on route No. 1. Mr. Groft married Rebecca, daughter of Jacob Shank, of Bullskin township, Fayette county, and their children were: Charles L., a resident of Scottdale; J. Franklin, deceased; Emza Anna, married J. V. Leaman, of Grafton, West Virginia; Jacob L., a roller in the mills in East Huntingdon township; Minetta M., married J. R. March, of Scottdale, Westmoreland county; Ora M., deceased; William Arthur, mentioned hereinafter. Mrs. Groft is a member of the Presbyterian church.

William Arthur Groft, son of George L. and Rebecca (Shank) Groft, was born April 3, 1876, on the old homestead, in East Huntingdon township, where he received his education in the White schoolhouse. He remained at home with his parents until he had attained his majority, and at the age of seventeen began working in the sheet mill. Until he was of age he gave his wages to his parents, reserving only what was necessary to defray the expense of his clothing. After his marriage he settled in his present home near the White schoolhouse, where he is very comfortably situated. Since entering the sheet mill he has been continuously employed there, and has steadily advanced until he now holds the position of roughing and extra roller. He and his

family are members of the United Brethren church, in which he has served as an officer. He married, December 24, 1899, Bertha, born in Fayette county, daughter of Isaac and Manerva (Flack) White, and their children were: Boyd Eugene, Donald Arthur, and Harry Gilbert.

FRANCIS M. WILLIAMS, one of the well known and substantial residents of South Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a descendant on the paternal side of a Welsh ancestry. Daniel Williams, great-great-grandfather of Francis M. Williams, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania. He was a German Lutheran in religion, and his occupation was that of a farmer. He took up about five thousand acres of land near the site of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, by "tomahawk right," and a portion of the borough of Ludwig is built on this tract. Daniel Williams applied for patent No. 3660, entered 26th day of July, 1769, for 309 acres and ninety-six perches. Issued Dec. 31st, 1787. Six per cent. allowance for roads. Above tract was old original Williams homestead at Greensburg, called "Daniel's Fancy." Consideration, 40 pounds, eight shillings. (This was copied from patent). Among his children was a son, Daniel Williams, Jr., who was born near Greensburg, was a well-to-do farmer, and resided to a ripe old age on the farm acquired by his father. Among his children was a son, Thomas Williams, born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1805; in early life he learned and worked at the trade of tanner, and after several years spent in this occupation located on a farm in South Huntingdon township, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying February 8, 1872. He was a strict member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, a Democrat in politics, and for several terms served his township as school director. By his marriage to Margaret Hough, daughter of David Hough, a family of four sons and four daughters were born, one of whom was David H. Williams, mentioned hereafter.

David H. Williams, father of Francis M. Williams, was born on the paternal farm in South Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, and a portion of his boyhood days were spent in the home of his grandfather in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where he attended school and acquired a good education. On attaining manhood he engaged in farming on his father's farm, and some three or four years after marriage located on the farm now owned by his son, Joseph S. Williams, where he resided up to his death, December 3, 1904, at the age of seventy-one years. He was successful in his undertakings, which were conducted on an extensive scale, and thereby secured a competence for his declining years. He was a Democrat in politics, and while never seeking political preferment held many of the township offices, and was universally esteemed and honored by a wide circle of friends. He married Catherine Rhoades, who bore him five children, namely: Francis M., mentioned hereafter; John U., Joseph S., Jacob C., and Thomas P., all of whom are living at the present time (1905) and reside in South Huntingdon township.

Francis M. Williams was born in South Huntingdon township, November 24, 1858. He was reared at home, educated in the common schools, and on reaching man's estate adopted farming as a means of livelihood. After his marriage he located on his present farm and by practical and progressive methods has achieved a large degree of financial success in the management thereof. Since the death of his father Mr. Williams has served in the capacity of president of the First National Bank of Smithton, of which his father was one of the organizers and the president up to his demise. Mr. Williams has also served as township auditor, in which office he gave universal satisfaction.

He is a member of the United Presbyterian church, and an Independent in politics. In 1886 Mr. Williams married Josephine M. Hanna, daughter of Henry T. and Mary J. Hanna, of South Huntingdon township. Their children are: David H., Hettie C., Mary E., and John T. Williams.

**JERRY LAUFFER.** The parents of Jerry Laufer, of Harrison City, were Jacob B. and Susan (Berlin) Laufer, and their family consisted of the following children: Martha, who died in infancy; Elijah, married (first) Lizzie Clark, (second) M. Ferree; John, died in 1890; Frank, now deceased, married Dot Mull; William, Annie, Bella, Jerry, mentioned hereinafter; Emma May, Harry, Erbanna, and one who died in infancy.

Jerry Laufer, son of Jacob B. and Susan (Berlin) Laufer, was born March 11, 1868, at Harrison City, and found his employment in the mines at Manor, Claridge and Pleasant Valley. For the last six years he has been engaged in the general grocery business in Harrison City. He belongs to the National Life Insurance Company. His political affiliations are with the Democrats, and he is a member of the Reformed church. Mr. Laufer married, August 13, 1891, Anna Ferguson, and they have children: Wilber H., born May 4, 1895; Clarence A., born April 2, 1902, and Florence, born December 14, 1905. Mrs. Laufer is a daughter of James Ferguson, of Harrison City. He and his wife are the parents of the following children: Archie, Samuel, William, James, Frederick, Hayes, Anna, married Jerry Laufer, as mentioned above; and Theresa. This family of six sons and two daughters, together with the numerous race of the Lauffers, has largely recruited the ranks of the good citizens of the county. Mrs. Laufer died December 22, 1905.

**DAVID D. WAGNER.** David D. Wagner, a representative citizen of Penn township, was born in Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1860, a son of Abia and Sarah (Shrader) Wagner.

Abia Wagner (father) was a native of Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, an active and enterprising merchant, conducting this line of business successfully for thirty years at Belle Mill, Circleville and Madison, Pennsylvania, and during this period was in the habit of driving a wagon along the pike to Pittsburg every other week, and in this way became well known along the old stage road, and by honorable transactions won for himself an enviable reputation. He was also engaged in the poultry business for a number of years, this proving highly remunerative. Mr. Wagner was drafted at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, for a three months term during the Civil war, but on his return home from that town was kicked in the leg by his horse, and in consequence of that member having been broken by the accident he was prevented from active participation in the conflict. He was a member of the United Brethren church. By his marriage to Sarah Shrader the following children were born: Margaret, William, Elizabeth, Louise, David D., Ella and Sarah (twins), Josiah, Jennie, John and a child who died in infancy.

David D. Wagner was reared and educated in the vicinity of his birthplace. He is now and has been for a number of years an employee in the Westinghouse Electric Company, at East Pittsburg, performing his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned and with credit to himself. He holds membership in the Reformed church, casts his vote for the candidates of the Democratic party, and in all respects is a worthy and respected citizen of the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wagner married Sarah S. Kifer, who bore him two children: Michael

K., born June 12, 1892; and Elizabeth G., born July 14, 1894. Henry Kifer, great-grandfather of Mrs. Wagner, was by occupation a farmer, merchant, and also drove a merchant wagon on the stage road to Pittsburg. He served in the War of 1812 as a teamster. He married Sarah Turner, and among their children was a son, Henry Kifer, grandfather of Mrs. Wagner, who was by occupation a farmer and was the owner of a tract of land consisting of three hundred acres in and about Jeannette, Pennsylvania. He married Susanna Painter, who bore him the following children: Maria, became the wife of S. Wanamaker; Lamanda, became the wife of J. Holtzer; Matilda, unmarried; Joseph, married Elizabeth Miller; Michael, mentioned hereinafter; Henry, married Anna Whitehead; and Albert, married Sarah Gongaware. Henry Kifer (grandfather) died at the age of eighty-nine years. Michael Kifer, father of Mrs. Wagner, was by occupation a farmer, and died at the age of seventy-one years. By his marriage to Elizabeth Kunkle the following children were born: Henry, married Rachel Altman; William, married Emma Loughner; John, married Elizabeth Loughner; Joseph, married Anna Klinginsmith and Ida Ramatta; Michael, married Lizzie Rose; Sarah S., became the wife of David D. Wagner; Tobias, married Lenora Altman; and Simon, married Ida Altman.

**HARRY CLIFTON BORLAND.** The grandparents of Harry Clifton Borland, of Vandergrift Heights, were John and Mary (Hazlett) Borland, the former a farmer near New Kensington, Allegheny county. He and his wife were the parents of a son, James G. Borland, who was born May 31, 1848, on the homestead, and received his education in the common schools. He learned the carpenter's trade, serving his apprenticeship under Henry Yetter, of Lower Burrell township, and thereafter always worked as a carpenter and builder. After his marriage he settled in Upper Burrell township, where he lived until 1893, and then removed to Apollo. There for seven years he was employed in the carpenter shops of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company. His transfer to the Vandergrift plant in 1898 necessitated his removal, and he then erected his present residence on Vandergrift Heights. He has since severed his connection with the mills and has thus been enabled to devote more time to building and general carpentry. He is a Democrat and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church. Mr. Borland married Maria Younkings, and of their six children four survive: Harry Clifton, mentioned hereinafter; Maud, wife of H. T. Morrison, shearman in Vandergrift mills; Samuel Bertman, of Apollo; and Edward, at home.

Harry Clifton Borland, son of James G. and Maria (Younkins) Borland, was born September 16, 1871, in Upper Burrell township, and received a common school education. At the age of seventeen he began the study of telegraphy in Parnassus, but after one year, finding the work too confining, returned home and for another year worked on his father's farm. He then went to Pittsburg and for one winter was employed in the Crescent steel works. In the spring of 1893 he moved to Apollo, securing a position in the mills of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company as an opener in the sheet mills. From this beginning he was advanced successively to the positions of matcher, doubler and catcher, and in 1900 was made roller, in which capacity he is now serving. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as a member of the school board. He affiliates with Brotherhood Castle, No. 161, K. G. E., and Vandergrift Aerie, 1058, F. O. E. He is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Borland married, December 24, 1895, Myrta A., daughter of Charles E. and Clara A. (Bennett) Reynolds, then of Apollo. Mr. Reynolds now resides in Tillamook,



*Harry C. Borland.*



Oregon, where he is engaged in the furnishing and undertaking business. Mrs. Reynolds is deceased. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Borland two survive: Charles Clifton, and James Leroy.

E. P. HUFFMAN. The family of which E. P. Huffman, of Hosteller, is a representative, are a race of farmers, having for generations cultivated the same lands. They trace their descent from German ancestors. Daniel W. Huffman was born November 28, 1826, and married Elizabeth Harmon, who was born February 16, 1828. The following children were born to them: Malinda, Jacob, Eliah, E. O., mentioned hereinafter; Amos, and Bell. Mr. and Mrs. Huffman, the parents of these children, are still living, in the enjoyment of a vigorous old age.

E. P. Huffman, son of Daniel W. and Elizabeth (Harmon) Huffman, was educated in the common schools of Westmoreland county. After leaving school he settled on the homestead with his father, and has ever since devoted himself to the tillage of the acres which have descended to him from his forefathers. He is an energetic, industrious farmer and an active, useful citizen. Mr. Huffman married Emma Summers, daughter of Lehman and Margaret Blystone, and they have one child: Daniel Leroy, born April 3, 1883.

SAMUEL C. LOOP. The grandparents of Samuel C. Loop, of Sewickley township, emigrated from Germany about 1818, and settled near Greensburg, where a few years later the father of the family died and the children were reared by their widowed mother.

Henry Loop, one of the sons of the emigrant ancestors, was born February 10, 1820, in the vicinity of Greensburg, and at an early age entered the paper mills of C. P. Markle & Sons, in Mill Grove. He remained with the firm many years, continuing in their service after their removal to West Newton. After leaving them he engaged in farming, and in 1877 purchased the William Shaner farm, in North Huntingdon township, where he resided for some fifteen years, and then, his wife having died a few years before, he retired from active labor and took up his abode with his children. He was a staunch Republican, and for many years a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Loop married Martha E. Couchenour, and of the thirteen children born to them only three survive: Margaret B., widow of Presley Wilson, of Sewickley township; Martha E., wife of T. C. Wilson, of Shaners Station; and Samuel C., mentioned hereinafter. The death of Mr. Loop occurred October 24, 1899.

Samuel C. Loop, son of Henry and Martha E. (Couchenour) Loop, was born January 30, 1857, in Sewickley township, and received a common school education. In 1876 he began working as a farm hand, and after his marriage settled in Sewickley township and has since resided there. In 1888 he bought and built on a portion of the B. R. Newlin farm, now owned by J. A. Dewees, remaining there about eleven years, when he rented his small place and removed to the farm which is now his home. This property forms part of the James Hays Heiss estate, known as the "old Blackball coal farm." For the last five years Mr. Loop has been extensively engaged in the dairy business in connection with his farming, and for twenty or twenty-five years has been one of the best-known live stock dealers in this part of the country. He has the reputation of being the best corn-husker in Sewickley, having, November 7, 1887, on the William Robbins farm, husked one hundred and forty-five bushels in nine hours and forty minutes, that being the first corn he had husked that season. Although never an office seeker, Mr. Loop has served as township auditor and for nine successive years was a member of the Sulphur Springs school board.

He is now serving his second year on the Youghiogheny independent school board, having been elected by an overwhelming vote. He belongs to Smithton Lodge, No. 328, Knights of Pythias, Uniformed Rank, No. 39, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Malta, Golden Gate Commandery, No. 340, of Smithton. His influence is widely felt in the councils of the Republican party, and he is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Loop married, March 11, 1880, Emily H., daughter of William and Mary (Cunningham) Eicher, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and their children were: Willis W., at home, was for fourteen months a member of the signal corps of the United States army; James F., at home; and Alice, lives at McKeesport. Mrs. Loop died April 21, 1886. Mr. Loop married (second) December 2, 1886, Edith S., daughter of Abner McLain, of Rostraver township, and of their five children two survive: Albert C. and Barbara E. In June, 1902, Mr. Loop adopted a boy from the McKeesport police station as a legal heir, he having been left there with no one to care for him. The boy, whose name is Norman H. Loop, is now (1906) past eight years, and is greatly attached to his home.

**SAMUEL G. GLASSBURN.** No definite history is at hand concerning the establishment of the Glassburn family in Westmoreland county, but it is known that David and Elizabeth (Long) Glassburn resided within its borders. The family name was originally spelled Glassbrenner, but in later times was corrupted to its present form. David Glassburn was a nephew of Bishop Glassbrenner, a noted divine.

Joseph L. Glassburn, a son of David and Elizabeth (Long) Glassburn, was born in Westmoreland county, near Mendon, December 21, 1831, and was reared to farm life. Since attaining his majority he has resided on a farm which is yet his home, and his agricultural labors have been interrupted only by his services in the civil war. He served for three years as a member of the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry. He is an earnest christian gentleman, a man respected by all with whom he is brought in contact, and politically an ardent Republican. He married Caroline Schweitzer, and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom seven are living: Lydia, wife of Samuel Adams, of Fayette county; Elizabeth, wife of J. B. Stonecker, of Connellsville; Mary, at home; Samuel G.; Carrie, wife of C. N. Snyder, of Youngwood; George W., assistant cashier of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, at Pittsburgh; and Flora E., at home.

Samuel G. Glassburn, son of Joseph L. and Caroline Glassburn was reared on his father's farm, attended the public schools in his youth and when twenty-one years of age began teaching in the district schools, which profession he followed for three terms. He then accepted the management of the mercantile business of his brother, D. W. Glassburn, at Wooddale, Pennsylvania, his brother having been injured and thus incapacitated for active business. He was thus engaged for a short time and later was associated with other mercantile enterprises until January 28, 1893, when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the capacity of fireman and thus served until October 28, 1901, when he was promoted to the position of engineer. He is a member of Wide Awake Lodge, No. 601, B. L. F. and for seven years served as a member of the Joint Protective Board of Locomotive Firemen, while for the past five years he has been general chairman of the board. In this connection he has done important service for the organization which he represents, his efforts being given in every movement for the welfare of all. He modestly disclaims any great credit for what he has done, but those whom he has thus



represented speak of his work in high terms of praise and commendation. He possesses much influence among the firemen and engineers and well merits their entire confidence. He also belongs to Scottsdale Council of the Royal Arcanum, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. Mr. Glassburn married, September 4, 1894, Daisy Kain, of Scottsdale, Westmoreland county, and to them was born a son, Eugene, now deceased.

THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN TAYLOR, of Irwin, who was born on the homestead farm, near Stewartsville, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1844, is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Black) Taylor, and grandson of Robert Taylor, who was born, reared and married in Ireland, and with his wife, and possibly some of his children, emigrated to the United States and settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. While traveling by wagon through the county in a search for a good location, he fell sick at what is now Stewartsville and laid by there for some time. It is not known whether his plans had originally been to go further west or to settle in this section, but while at this place two brothers by the name of Neal, who had taken up a tract of two hundred and sixty-seven acres on what is now the McKeesport road, were shot by Indians, and their farm was put up later at public sale. The Neal brothers were buried on the place. Robert Taylor, concluding that the time was advantageous, purchased the property and settled thereon. He was the father of six sons, as follows: Isaac, married (first) a Miss Larimer, and (second) a Miss Bosler; James, went to Xenia, Ohio; Joseph, removed to Baltimore, Maryland; Samuel, mentioned hereinafter; John and Robert, who also went to Baltimore, Maryland.

Samuel Taylor, fourth son of Robert Taylor, was born on the Taylor farm. He inherited the homestead and farmed it all his life. He was highly esteemed in the community, held membership in the Presbyterian church, and was a Whig and Republican in politics. He married Sarah Black, daughter of John Black, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Their children were: Adeline, widow of Dr. James Gibson, resides in Johnson county, Iowa. Sarah, died about 1865, was the wife of Phineas Gray, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Hetty, unmarried, died in Nebraska. Annie E., wife of D. N. Shaw, of Irwin, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Theodore F., mentioned hereinafter. Mary, unmarried, resides in North Irwin with her brother-in-law, D. N. Shaw. Robert, married Addie Waldron, resides near Iowa City, Iowa. Frances Jane, wife of Matthew Slemmens, resides in Oklahoma. Samuel, Jr., married Annie Crooks, resides in Nebraska. Samuel Taylor, father of these children, died at his home in Westmoreland county, 1864, aged about seventy years.

Theodore F. Taylor, eldest son of Samuel and Sarah (Black) Taylor, attended the common schools in the vicinity of his home and worked with his father on the farm until the death of the latter, Theodore being then about twenty years of age. He remained and worked the place for his mother until he attained the age of thirty-seven, when he abandoned this occupation and secured employment with the Penn Gas Coal Company, with whom he has remained up to the present time (1905), being located now at the Yough shaft, just outside Irwin. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and an advocate of the principles of Republicanism. Mr. Taylor married, December 7, 1876, Mary J. Loughhead, daughter of William and Hetty (Bankert) Loughhead, of North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, the former named being a son of John Loughhead, who came to this country from Scotland, settling first in Maryland, from whence he came to Westmoreland county, Penn-



dred acres of land lying in what is now Penn township. Although exposed to the hostile savages, who roamed through the forest at will and frequently visited his home, neither he nor his family were ever molested. The maiden name of his wife cannot now be ascertained, neither is there a full record of his children. It is known, however, that he had sons, Joseph and Boaz, and a daughter Caroline.

Joseph Walton, Riley Walton's grandfather, succeeded to the possession of his father's farm, and continued to reside there until his death, which occurred at the age of about sixty years, about the year 1843, and was caused by an accident. While proceeding on horseback from his farm in Penn township to Greensburg, his horse stumbled and threw him violently to the ground, his head striking a stone with such force as to render him unconscious. The faithful animal stood by him, however, which eventually attracted someone to his assistance, and he was carried to a nearby house. After regaining con-



sciousness he insisted upon resuming his journey in accordance with the inherent persistency of his race, and a few hours later was found lifeless, sitting beneath the branches of a shade tree upon the sheepskin saddle, which he had removed from his horse. His back rested against the trunk of the tree, and he appeared as one enjoying a comfortable siesta.

Joseph Walton, father of Riley Walton, and the third in line of descent to bear the christian name of Joseph, was born at the homestead in Penn township, March 14, 1804. He attended the district school, was reared to the occupation of a farmer and at an early age engaged in agricultural pursuits upon his own account. Prior to the introduction of railroads, merchandise was transported from Philadelphia to western points over the turn-pike roads in wagons. It was a remunerative as well as an extensive business, and Joseph

Walton engaged in it, placing a large number of teams upon the road and practically establishing a regular freight line, which he operated successfully for a period of fourteen years. During this time he became well acquainted along the pike, and the thriving village of Delmont, together with its excellent hotel, met his approval to such an extent as to cause him to open negotiations for the purchase of the latter, which culminated in his taking possession of that property in 1850. This hotel, which was erected by Henry Hugus about the year 1840, was a noted resting place on the long stage line passing through Delmont, and many distinguished men, including the famous Hungarian patriotic, Louis Kossuth, have partaken of its bountiful hospitality. About the year 1837 Joseph Walton married Nancy Elizabeth Alexander, a daughter of Robert Alexander, who immigrated from Ireland with his family and settled in Salem township, where he found congenial neighbors. The nuptial ceremony was attended by a large number of the young people of the locality, who came to town on horseback, and remained to dance and otherwise celebrate to an extent that is known only in a newly settled country. As proprietor of the Hotel Walton, Joseph Walton acquired wide-spread popularity among the travelling public. He was also held in high estimation by his fellow-townsmen, and his death, which occurred in 1868, was the cause of sincere regret. His wife, who survived him, attained the advanced age of eighty-seven years, dying April 6, 1905. Joseph and Nancy Elizabeth Walton were the parents of eleven children, namely: Joseph C., born September 21, 1838, died 1895; Sarah Jane, born in 1840; Alexander, died in infancy; Martha, died April 7, 1873; Riley, whose birth will be recorded presently; Emma M., born in 1849; Harriet Alice, born in 1852; Ella May Hugus, born in 1854; Matilda L., born in 1856; Rosanna J., born in 1858; and John H., died in infancy. Joseph C. Walton, who was a farmer, married Elizabeth Geiger, daughter of Joseph Geiger, and was the father of seven children. One of his sons enlisted in the regular army and was never afterward heard from. Another son, Charles Walton, is now in the insurance business in Latrobe. Sarah Jane Walton became the wife of William Hugus. Martha Walton married George Saul in 1870, and died three years later, leaving two children, both of whom are married and have families. Emma M. Walton married William P. McChesney, and resides in Crabtree, having seven sons and three daughters. Harriet Alice Walton is unmarried. Ella May Hugus Walton married William B. Cruthers, and has one son and four daughters. Matilda L. Walton married Jeremiah Blose, a merchant in Delmont, and has had two children, one of whom is living. Rosanna J. Walton married Dr. R. R. Bowman, and resides in Wilkesburg, this state, having two children.

Riley Walton, of this sketch, was born in Penn township, May 14, 1846. His childhood was spent at the hotel and on his father's farm, and he was educated in the public schools of Delmont. At the age of sixteen years he went to the oil region, where for about four years he was engaged in drilling wells with varying fortunes. Prospecting for oil was so uncertain that young Walton finally abandoned it and turned his energies in other directions. Prior to settling down permanently as proprietor of the Hotel Walton he followed the live stock business, cultivated a farm and was for some time engaged in mercantile pursuits. He conducted the Hotel Walton for the first time in 1871, was again called to its management in 1880, and from 1894 to the present time he has devoted himself exclusively to the interests of that establishment. The Hotel Walton is a famous and decidedly conspicuous landmark on the old northern turnpike. It has long been noted for its open hospitality and convivial cheer, the same kind of convivial cheer that characterized the inns of

old England as described by Charles Dickens. The exuberant Mr. Weller would have felt comfortably at home here, as other notable personages have done during the long period of its existence, and its present proprietor continues to preserve in every particular its time-honored customs. September 30, 1869, Riley Walton married Maria Herbert, a daughter of John Herbert, whose parents were Irish and come to this country in 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Walton have had seven children, namely: John Herbert, born March 7, 1871; Joseph Alexander, born December 30, 1872; Catherine Dixon, born August 24, 1875; Florence Riley, born May 5, 1877; Robert Francis, born August 17, 1879, died October 14, 1881; Anna Bertha, born January 28, 1883; and Nancy, born October 15, 1887. John Herbert Walton, a sketch of whom follows this. Joseph Alexander Walton, who is residing in East Greensburg, married, March 9, 1894, Maud Evans. She is a daughter of Thomas Evans, and her grandfather served in the Civil war. Florence Riley Walton, a sketch of whom follows John H. Walton. Anna Bertha Walton married, May 19, 1902, Lee Huffman, and has one son, Howard Alfred Huffman.

JOHN HERBERT WALTON, eldest son of Riley and Maria (Herbert) Walton, was born in Salem township, March 7, 1871. He was educated in the Delmont Normal school, and after completing his studies directed his attention to the dairy business, which he has conducted successfully for the past fifteen years. He is one of the public-spirited citizens of the community, an active member of the First Reformed Church of Greensburg, and a staunch supporter of the principles of Democracy. He married, April 26, 1893, Mary Elizabeth Kemp, born August 19, 1872, daughter of Uriah G. and Margaret (Earnest) Kemp, of Hempfield township, and their children were: Edward Kemp, born December 10, 1894, died January 15, 1904; Riley, born September 2, 1897; Thomas Cole, born November 23, 1899; and John Herbert Walton, Jr., born August 25, 1904.

FLORENCE RILEY WALTON, third son of Riley and Maria (Herbert) Walton, was born in Salem township, near Delmont, May 5, 1877. He attended the normal school at Delmont and the Bunker Hill (now Fifth ward) school, at Greensburg, thereby qualifying himself for an active career. He has devoted himself exclusively to the dairy business, conducting his operations in Hempfield township, and from this line of work has derived a comfortable livelihood. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and casts his vote for the candidates of the Democratic party. He married, September 1, 1898, Cora Beulah Armor, born May 10, 1878, daughter of John William and Mary (Nicely) Armor, of Ligonier township, and their children are: Helen Mildred, born March 12, 1899; Bertha Evelyn, born November 17, 1900; Florence Eugene, born April 14, 1903; Riley Jr., born December 2, 1905.

JOHN KAHL. Matthias Kahl, father of John Kahl, of Vandergrift, was born about 1849, on the Rhine in the province of Prussia, and came with his parents to the United States when but six years old. They settled at Greenville, Pennsylvania, where in after years he entered the coal mines in which he worked until 1885. In that year he moved to Sharon, Pennsylvania, and there engaged in the grocery business, with which he has since been identified. He is a Democrat and has twice received from his party the nomination for assemblyman. He was once defeated by but eight votes, notwithstanding the fact that the district is overwhelmingly Republican. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Kahl married

Rose O'Connor, and their family consisted of eight children, all of whom, with one exception, are now living: Rose, Mary, Martha, Anna, Alice, John, see forward; and William. All these children, with the exception of John, are unmarried and reside at home.

John Kahl, son of Matthias and Rose (O'Connor) Kahl, was born February 11, 1880, in Sharon, and received a common school education. At the age of eighteen he apprenticed himself to the moulder's trade, serving his time in the shops of the American Steel Foundry Company, at Sharon. Soon after finishing his apprenticeship he was made assistant foreman of the shops, and early in 1903 was transferred to Alliance, Ohio, where he became foreman of the extensive plant owned by the company at that place. He remained in charge of these shops until July, 1904, when he resigned in order to accept a similar position with the United Engineering & Foundry Company, at Vandergrift, going thither with S. A. Wallace, who took charge of the plant at that time and under whom Mr. Kahl had worked in Alliance. Fraternally Mr. Kahl is connected with the Knights of Columbus, the C. M. B. A., and the Iron Moulder's Union, holding an honorary membership in the last-named organization. He is an Independent in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Kahl married, June 21, 1905, Mamie McFadden, of Sharon, Pennsylvania.

**WILLIAM EDWARD TROUTMAN.** The father of William Edward Troutman, of Vandergrift, was John Edward Troutman, who was born in 1849, in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared on a farm and adopted agriculture as an occupation. At the time of his marriage he moved to a farm one mile from Sharon, on which he has since resided. He is a Republican and a member of St. Paul's Reformed church. Mr. Troutman married Christina Bartholomew, and their children are: Moutz, of Sharon; Estella, wife of Samuel Welsch, of Sharon; Permillia, wife of Jesse Winner, of Mercer county; Philip, at home; Cora, at home; William Edward, see forward.

William Edward Troutman, son of John Edward and Christina (Bartholomew) Troutman, was born May 19, 1873, in Mercer county, and received his education in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he obtained employment in the Atlantic nail works, where he remained one year. He then spent another year in the blast furnace of Perkins & Company at Sharpsville, after which he secured a position in the foundry of the Ashman Steel Casting Company, in Sharon, there serving his apprenticeship as a founder. In 1894 the foundry was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Troutman betook himself to Cleveland and there entered the service of the Cleveland Steel Castings Company. One year later he returned to Sharon and went to work for the American Steel Castings Company, remaining three years. At the end of that time he resigned and took a trip to the west, working in foundries in Chicago, St. Louis and Peru, Indiana, thus broadening his experience and gaining an insight into the workings of these plants. After spending a short time in various foundries in the Pittsburg district, he returned to Sharon and obtained employment with the American Foundries Company, for whom he worked four years, during the latter two years serving as general foreman of the works. In July, 1904, he moved to Vandergrift to accept his present position of general foreman for the United Engineering & Foundries Company. He belongs to Sharon Lodge, No. 347, I. O. O. F., is a Republican and a member of St. Paul's Reformed church.

Mr. Troutman married, May 19, 1898, Mary Ulrich, of Mercer county,

and three children were born to them, but one of whom survives: Pansy Troutman.

**HENRY NEFF.** The grandparents of Henry Neff, of Vandergrift, were Henry and Elizabeth Neff, both natives of Germany, the latter belonging to a noble family by whom she was disinherited for contracting an unequal marriage.

Herman Neff, son of Henry and Elizabeth Neff, was born in 1843, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was but two years old when his parents emigrated to the United States. They settled in Greensburg and after a short time moved to Pittsburg, where for some years the father, who was a wagon-maker by trade, conducted a wagon shop on Diamond alley. His latter years were spent in Perryville, Pennsylvania. Herman Neff, on the breaking out of the Civil war, ran away from home, enlisting as a three years man on the first call for volunteers. After his discharge he returned to Allegheny and found employment in the foundry of Anshutz & Bradbury, where he remained but a short time. After the close of the war he enlisted in the regular army and rose to the rank of first lieutenant. In 1880 he was appointed Indian agent at Deadwood, South Dakota, with the rank of captain, and in this position has served continuously ever since. Mr. Neff married Elizabeth, born in Allegheny City, about 1848, daughter of Henry and Mary (Hinkle) Schaffer, both natives of Darmstadt, Germany, whence they emigrated early in the forties, with a number of other colonists, settling in Philadelphia. Some time later they moved to Pittsburg, making the journey by way of the Erie canal. In Pittsburg Mr. Schaffer engaged in the cooperage business, making oil, flour and other barrels and rapidly amassed a competence. After the close of the war they returned to Philadelphia, where their daughter Elizabeth was married to Herman Neff. Mr. and Mrs. Neff were the parents of the following children: Henry, see forward; Mary, wife of August Heibner, a contractor of Allegheny City; Rose, wife of Frederick Reynolds, chairmaker, of Columbus, Ohio; John, stationary engineer at Allegheny; Herman (twin to John), with Standard Manufacturing Company, Allegheny; Edward, trunkmaker of Allegheny. Mrs. Neff now resides in the house in Allegheny where she was born, but makes frequent trips to Philadelphia, being the owner of property in both cities.

Henry Neff, son of Herman and Elizabeth (Schaffer) Neff, was born March 30, 1872, in Philadelphia, receiving his preparatory education in the public schools of that city and Allegheny and passing thence to the Allegheny high school. At the age of nineteen he apprenticed himself to the machinist's trade in the Pennsylvania Iron Works Company, of Philadelphia, and after serving his time traveled for the company for three years. He then spent two years in the west, working in Chicago and all the other large cities as far as the Pacific coast. On his return to the east he first settled in Pittsburg, where he worked at his trade until September, 1901, when he moved to Vandergrift, securing a position as machinist in the shops of the American Sheet Steel Company, where he has since been continuously employed. He is a member of Vandergrift Aerie, No. 1058, F. O. E., and is a Republican in politics. Mr. Neff married, May 3, 1892, Carrie Hahn, of Philadelphia, and they are the parents of two daughters: Caroline and Louise.

**WILLIAM DANIEL ERICKSON.** Charles Erickson, father of William Daniel Erickson, of Vandergrift, was born in Christiania, Norway, where he received his education. At the age of sixteen he emigrated to the

United States, landing in New York, and for several years was employed on vessels plying between that city and New Orleans. On his last trip he went up the river to St. Louis and thence to Chicago, finding employment for some five years on the lakes and in the lumber regions of Michigan. He then settled down in Chicago and for a number of years was bookkeeper in the wholesale market house. After the destruction of this building in the Chicago fire he secured an official position in the stockyards, and during the last years of his active life was head bookkeeper and confidential clerk for L. B. Dawds & Company, live-stock commission merchants. About 1888 he retired from business. He is an ardent Democrat and an active worker in ward politics, for many years serving as judge of elections in his precinct. He married Margaret Calnan, and of their five children four are now living: Louis, of Chicago; Charles, railroad man of Kansas City; Anna, at home; and William Daniel, see forward.

William Daniel Erickson, son of Charles and Margaret (Calnan) Erickson, was born June 20, 1876, in Chicago, Illinois, where he received his primary education in the common schools, passing thence to the grammar and high schools. In 1893 he secured a position in the mills of the Sergeant Steel Company, where he worked some ten years in different clerical capacities. In 1903 he resigned in order to accept a position as order clerk with the American Foundries Company, at Alliance, and, this plant shortly after closing down, was transferred to the Thurlow (Pennsylvania) works of the same company, where he served in a similar capacity. Some months later, when the Alliance works resumed operations, he was sent back to that place. In July, 1904, he resigned, accepting the same position with the United Engineering & Foundries Company, at Vandergrift, and in April, 1905, was promoted to his present position of foreman of the cleaning department. His political affiliations are with the Democrats. He is unmarried.

HARRY W. PETTY. Richard Petty, father of Harry W. Petty, of Vandergrift, was born in 1837, in Alabama, one of a family of thirteen children. At the breaking out of the civil war he served one year in the Confederate army, the family being Southern sympathizers. He himself, however, was in sympathy with the Union cause and a disruption of the family occurred, after which he went to Memphis, Tennessee, where he enlisted in the artillery service of the Union army, serving until the close of the war. He then settled at Dixon, Illinois, where he worked at his trade, which was that of a blacksmith and wagonmaker. He conducted a shop for about four years and then removed to Morris, Illinois, where he continued to follow his trade. At the end of three years he engaged in the grocery business, with which he was identified until about 1898, when he entered the drygoods business, to which he gave his attention until his retirement in 1903. He is now living in Morris, Illinois. He is an ardent G. A. R. man and never misses a National Encampment, no matter where held. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen, and in his later years has become a Prohibitionist in politics. For a number of years he has been the regular candidate for mayor of that organization in Morris. He is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Petty married Martha Locke, and their family consists of the following children: Harry W., see forward; Minnie A., wife of William F. Buck, of Morris, Illinois; and Cora E., at home.

Harry W. Petty, son of Richard and Martha (Locke) Petty was born April 9, 1870, at Morris, Grundy county, Illinois, and received his preparatory education in the public schools of his native town, passing thence to the high



school, from which he graduated in the spring of 1889. At twenty years of age he went to Chicago and there took a complete business course in the Chicago Athenaeum. Remaining in that city, he secured a clerical position with the Sargeant Steel Founders' Company, by whom he was employed in various capacities until 1900, when he resigned and accepted the position of chief clerk of the western sales office of the American Brake Shoe & Foundry Company. After retaining this position two years he became chief clerk and assistant manager of the American Foundry Company, with whom he remained two years. Since 1904 he has had charge of the order department of the United Engineering & Foundry Company at Vandergrift. He is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Petty married, October 17, 1900, Margaret G. Hamlin, a lineal descendant of President Adams, and they are the parents of two sons: Richard Hamlin and Harry W. Petty.

**HARRY DETTMAR RICHEY.** Henderson Richey, father of Harry Dettmar Richey, of Vandergrift, was born in 1843, on a farm in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and served throughout the entire period of the Civil war as a member of Company K, One Hundred and Third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was captured in the engagement at Plymouth, North Carolina, and confined in Andersonville prison for eleven month and eleven days, being released only after the close of hostilities. Until 1871 Mr. Richey followed agricultural pursuits and at that time moved to Emsworth, where he remained eighteen years, when he settled in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, where he now resides and serves as a member of the police force. He is an ardent Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Richey married Leah Carroll, and two of their four children survive: Harry Dettmar, see forward; and Amelia M., at home.

Harry Dettmar Richey, son of Henderson and Leah (Carroll) Richey, was born September 20, 1869, in Allegheny county, and was educated in the public schools of Emsworth. In his ninth year he began to serve a paper route and for some eight years carried daily papers to his customers. Soon after passing his seventeenth year he began an apprenticeship at patternmaking in Pittsburg, finishing his time in the shops of the Fort Pitt foundry, owned by Mackintosh & Hemphill, of Pittsburg. He remained with this firm for eight years, at the end of that time resigning his position, and for three years thereafter worked in various shops in and around Pittsburg. In 1900 he went to Vandergrift and secured a position in the pattern shops of the Chilled Roll Foundry Company. He worked as a journeyman until January 13, 1902, when he was promoted to the position of foreman of the pattern shops. In April of the same year the company became the United Engineering & Foundry Company, Mr. Richey retaining his position under the new management. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, is a staunch Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Richey married, November 12, 1892, Ada Johns, of Bellevue, Pennsylvania, and they have three children: Mildred Irene, Mary Etta, and William Harold.

**JAMES SINCLAIR.** The father of James Sinclair, of Vandergrift, was Lemuel Sinclair, who was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, in 1821, was reared on a farm and always followed agricultural pursuits. Some few years after his marriage he moved to Wood county, West Virginia, and there passed the remainder of his life. He was a Democrat and a member of the

Baptist church. Mr. Sinclair married Phoebe Phillips, also a native of Greene county, and the following are their children: Thomas, Joseph, Sarah, wife of E. J. Flemings; and James, see forward. All these, with the exception of the last named, are residents of Wood county, West Virginia. The mother of the family died early in life, and the father passed away in 1892, at the age of seventy-one.

James Sinclair, son of Lemuel and Phoebe (Phillips) Sinclair, was born August 11, 1856, in Wood county, West Virginia, and was but two years old at the time of the death of his mother. He was, however, carefully trained by his father, who supplied as far as possible the mother's place, while his sister, then but six years old, soon began to assume some of the household duties. Mr. Sinclair was educated in the common schools and remained at home on the farm until his nineteenth year, when he went to the oil fields of his native county and was there employed some three years. After one year spent on the Ohio river steamboats, he worked for two years in the timber regions of Pleasant county, West Virginia.

In 1882 he went to Pennsylvania, settling in Saltsburg, where for three years he worked in the coal mines. He then went to Latrobe, where he was employed for five years in the paper mills, after which he moved to Jeannette and there worked eighteen months in the glass factory. His next removal was to Greensburg, where he was employed about six months in the United States glass factory, and after this brief sojourn proceeded to Avonmore. There also he found work in the glass factory, remaining until October, 1896. At that time he went to Apollo and entered the service of the Apollo Chilled Roll Foundry Company, by whom he was advanced on April 6, 1897, to the position of labor foreman. This position he has since continuously retained, notwithstanding the fact that since his appointment the foundry has been removed to Vandergrift and has changed owners. He belongs to Apollo Lodge, No. 618, P. O. S. of A., and Apollo Lodge, Knights of the Maccabees. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Sinclair married, February 14, 1875, Alice Corbin, of Wood county, West Virginia, and of their family of eight children six survive: James Tilden, foreman of work train on West Pennsylvania railroad; Leroy, of Vandergrift; Rosa, wife of James Serene, of Apollo; Lawrence, Ruth, and Charles, all of whom are at home.

**HARRY LYNCH.** George W. Lynch, father of Harry Lynch, of Vandergrift, was born January 28, 1848, in Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, and at the age of three years was taken by his parents to Pulaski, same state, where he was reared to his seventeenth year. The family then removed to Cochran's Mills, Armstrong county, where he lived to the age of twenty-five. He then went to Pittsburg, where for eight years he was engaged in railroad work, after which he entered the service of the firm of Park Brothers, proprietors of the Black Diamond steel works of Pittsburg. He remained with this company in the capacity of melter more than eight years, when he was rendered unfit for his duties by an attack of rheumatism. After working for a short time in the plumbing shop of the company, he resigned and secured employment with the Pittsburg City Railway Company, remaining with them until 1890, when he retired from active labor. He belongs to the A. O. U. W., is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Lynch married Martha K. Wismer, and their children are: Harry, see forward; Hannah Catherine, wife of Charles Murray, of Pittsburg; Mary

Virginia, wife of Neal McInnis, of Avalon; and Benjamin Franklin, of Pittsburg.

Harry Lynch, son of George W. and Martha K. (Wismer) Lynch, was born January 14, 1873, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and received a common school education. In his eighteenth year he apprenticed himself to the moulder's trade, and in August, 1892 completed his term of service. He worked as a journeyman until December 6, 1899, when he went to Apollo and secured employment in the Chilled Roll foundry, which in 1901 was removed to Vandergrift. Six months after Mr. Lynch was placed in charge of the iron floor, continuing in charge for two years and ten months. The foreman of the steel floor being then given charge of the iron floor in addition to his own, Mr. Lynch returned to the foundry and there worked as a journeyman for one year, when he was made foreman of the roll floor, a position which he still retains. He affiliates with Mineral Point Lodge, No 615, I. O. O. F., in which he holds the rank of past grand, and also belongs to Apollo Commandery, No. 365, Knights of Malta. His political affiliations are with the Republicans, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Lynch married, September 17, 1892, Ella, daughter of James Hoag, a railroad man of Pittsburg, and the following children have been born to them: Earl G., Charles Raymond, Ralph Clinton, Benjamin Franklin, Harry, deceased; Martha Catherine, Helen Margaret, Robert, and Elizabeth Freda.

THOMAS A. HUNTLEY, a machinist in the H. C. Frick Coal Company at Mammoth, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a native of Fayette county, born January 4, 1867, the son of Levi and Lavinia (Richards) Huntley.

Robert Huntley (grandfather) lived and died in southern Fayette county. He followed the occupation of teamster and farmer all his life. He married a Miss McCain, and their children were: Levi, James, Charles O., Margaret, Fannie and Sarah.

Levi Huntley (father) was born in Fayette county, June 18, 1834. He is a blacksmith by trade, an occupation which he has followed all his life. He married Miss Lavinia Richards, and they have children as follows: William, Orella, wife of George Dickson; Thomas, see forward; Newton, store manager for the Label Steel Company; Robert, died at the age of twenty-six years.

Thomas A. Huntley obtained his education in the common schools of his native county, and in early life learned the trade of blacksmith with his father. He became very skillful and proficient in this trade, and was occupied at it for thirteen years. He then turned his attention to the trade of machinist, and has been engaged at the H. C. Frick Coal plant at Mammoth for the past nineteen years. He holds membership in the F. and A. M., Lodge No. 225, of Greensburg. He married Ann Elizabeth Newill, daughter of W. G. and Ellen Newill, and six children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy. The living are: Harry Edward, born December 16, 1888, now attending Greensburg seminary; Helen, born March 8, 1898; and Thomas N., born January 25, 1901.

THOMAS KEEFE, general superintendent of the Buckeye & Mullin works at Stauffer, Pennsylvania, is a native of Ireland, son of William Keefe.

William Keefe (father) emigrated from the old country with his family, landing in New York City, May 10, 1870, removing later to Ritchie county, West Virginia, where he settled and worked as a laborer until his death, August 27, 1877. In religious faith he was a member of the Roman Catholic church. He and his wife had the following named children, all born in Ireland,

who accompanied their parents to this country: Margaret, wife of Michael McGuire; Catherine, unmarried; Bridget, married Michael Quinn; James, a miner in West Virginia; and Thomas, see forward.

Thomas Keefe was but seven years of age when he came to this country with his parents. He received a common school education, and at the early age of twelve commenced to make his own way in the world. He entered into his first regular employment as a miner in Virginia, and in 1880 removed to Connellsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and there found employment as a miner for a steel company, with whom he was engaged for several years. In 1900 he was given the position of general foreman for the H. C. Frick Coal Company, a position which he occupied until April, 1905. He then established himself as superintendent of the Buckeye & Mullin works at Stauffer, and still retains his connection with this firm. Mr. Keefe is a capable, reliable business man, and well qualified to perform the responsible duties attending his present position. In church relations he accords with the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church.

He married Margaret Quinn, daughter of James and Margaret Quinn, of Fayette county, and they are the parents of the following named children: Laura, resides at home; May, died at the age of sixteen years; William, died when he was fourteen years old; Gertrude, Pearl, Thomas, Jr., James, Jackson, Mary and Leo, the last seven named residing with their parents.

JOHN W. SHUPE, one of the representatives of the farming industry in the township of Mount Pleasant, traces his ancestry to John Shupe, who was born in Bullskin township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupation of farming, and where his death occurred. He was a member of the United Brethren church, and cast his vote for the candidates of the Democratic party. He was the father of nine children, four sons and five daughters.

The line of descent is traced through his son, Isaac Shupe, who was born on the homestead farm in Fayette county. In 1844 he removed to Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, thereby gaining a lucrative livelihood. He followed in the footsteps of his father both in religion and politics, and was one of the influential men of his adopted county. He married Margaret Barnhart, who was born in 1822, a daughter of Abraham and Hannah (Hugus) Barnhart, whose family consisted of three daughters. Abraham Barnhart was born and reared in Butler county, Pennsylvania, but in early life removed to Mount Pleasant township, where his death occurred. He was a large landholder, a successful farmer, an active and consistent member of the German Reformed church, and an old-time Democrat. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shupe: John W., see forward; and Louis B., who married, September 13, 1877, Caroline Barnhart, daughter of William and Eliza (Rugh) Barnhart, of Hempfield township, who bore him three children: Cyrus G., Isaac P., and Carroll B. Shupe.

John W. Shupe, eldest son of the late Isaac and Margaret (Barnhart) Shupe, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1844. He was brought by his parents to Westmoreland county when an infant, received his education in the common schools in the neighborhood of his home, and remained with his parents on the homestead farm until their death, thus relieving their declining years of a large amount of responsibility and care. Since then to the present time (1905) he has given his attention to agricultural pursuits with the exception of two years, when he was engaged as an engineer for J. J.

Hunt & Co., coal operators. Mr. Shupe is a member of the Reformed church, that being the faith in which he was reared. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and has held the offices of judge and inspector of elections. He is unmarried.

DAVID BAIR is a son of Jacob Bair, who was born in Westmoreland county in 1800, and became a cooper. He followed this trade for a number of years in connection with farming. He was a member of the Mennonite church. He married Abbie Rowe, and they had the following children: David, Christian, Margaret, wife of David Hull; Eliza, wife of Harry Sager; Ann, married Samuel Milinger; Drucilla, wife of Cyrus Rylie; Christina, married James Barts; and Sarah, wife of Jacob Swartz.

David Bair was born in Westmoreland county in 1838, and in early life worked at the salt works and milling. He subsequently gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1862, when the war of the Rebellion was in progress, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served for a term of nine months. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Scottdale, Elsworth post.

David Bair married Margaret E. Dennison, and their children were: William H., deceased; John H., a traveling salesman for Sterns & Company, of Detroit, Michigan; Christopher L., see forward; C. Elsworth, Samuel, Mary E. and Albert, of whom the last four named died in childhood. Mr. Bair married for his second wife Nancy Smith, and to this union were born two children, namely: James H., a graduate of Alverton high school, now teaching, and Benjamin L., who resides on the homestead farm.

Christopher L. Bair was born in Kecksburg, May 16, 1861, obtained his education in the common schools of his native place, and at an early age started to make his own way in the world. He immediately turned his attention to agriculture, and has been occupied at this calling during his entire working life. He is an excellent farmer, and an industrious, useful citizen. In church relations he is a Methodist, attending the Methodist Episcopal church at Alverton. Fraternally he holds membership in Moss Rose Lodge, No. 350, I. O. O. F., of Mount Pleasant. He married Hattie E. Porter, daughter of Samuel S. and Mary Ann (Smith) Porter. To them four children have been born: Smith P., July 1, 1893; William G., August 6, 1894; Margaret E., May 23, 1898; and David R., November 4, 1902.

HENRY W. A. RHODY (Rohde) was born in the city of Frankfurt-am-Main (Oberrad) August 27, 1870, was baptized in the Lutheran church September 11, 1870, and confirmed in St. Paul's Lutheran church at Frankfurt-am-Main, April 25, 1884. He came from an old stock of Lutherans.

He entered Mustershule in Frankfurt-am-Main at the age of five and one-half. Realshule erster (first class) Ordnung, passed examination at the age of eight and one-half and admitted to the Gymnasium, where he studied under Professors Mommsen, Eiselen, Boettcher, Mauerner, Bode and other well known scholars, advanced as far as Unter Tercia, leaving school on account of parents emigrating to America. He was employed in a drug store in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on arrival, later entered Duff's College, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1891. He entered the service of Booth and Flinn, Limited, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, 1893, as bookkeeper, located same year at McCance as bookkeeper for the same firm, holding the position for eight years. For the last four years he has had charge of the company store, where he holds the office of secretary and treasurer, is also postmaster of McCance, Pennsylvania. He has

been an active member of the Ligonier township school board for the last six years, held office as secretary on the school board for five years, always active in politics, was a delegate to the Republican state convention at Harrisburg on the anti-Quay slate, while Senator Quay was in control of the Republican party in the state. He is a member and past master of Ligonier Lodge, F. and A. M., member of Zocco Lodge, I. O. O. F., member of Beulah Conclave, Heptasophs.

He married, April 24, 1899, at St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Sara Killikelly Kelso. Children born: Mary Elizabeth, March 5, 1900, at McCance, Pennsylvania, baptized in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Henry William, Jr., April 21, 1902, at McCance, Pennsylvania, baptized in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Sara Luise, at McCance, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1906, not baptized at time of writing, will be baptized in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. His wife was born June 14, 1879, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Her parents died in her infancy; they came from an old stock of Presbyterian clergymen in Ireland, and several of the cousins of Mrs. Rhody are Presbyterian clergymen in Pennsylvania. The three sisters of Mrs. Rhody are living in Pittsburg. She is a member of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal church.

William Gustav Rohde, grandfather of Henry W. A. Rhody, born in 1814, was a land owner, emigrated in 1859 to Brazil, South America, where he bought and located, engaging in a plantation. He resided in Rio Grando De Sul, Province of Brazil, South America. Wilhelm Gustav, his son, did not go along, being at that time in the service of the Prussian government. He married Susanna Hoffman Borntraeger, a native of Freienseen, Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt, died at the age of eighty-nine in Frankfurt-am-Main. A Lutheran in religion.

Wilhelm Gustav Rhody (Rohde), father of Henry W. A. Rhody, was born in Neukrug, Prussia, January 3, 1842, educated in the Military Academy of Berlin, religion Lutheran, baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. (Ancestors were leading reformers in the time of the reformation). He graduated at age of nineteen and was commissioned and entered service in the Thirty-fourth Pommeranian Infantry, where he served as follows: Second lieutenant in the war of Prussia against Denmark, 1864; second lieutenant in the war of Prussia against United Germany and Austria, 1866, participated in the famous battle of Koeniggratz, where he was advanced to captain of his regiment, but afterwards reduced to first lieutenant for reason in action during battle, not obeying orders, although he won his point in action, saving the flag and a lot of men, and was decorated with three orders. He served as first lieutenant in the war of Germany against France in 1870-71, in action battles of Spicheren Hoehe, and taking of city of Straassburg, entered Paris and was present at crowning of William First as emperor of Germany, at Castle of Versailles, France, received two decorations after war and also decorated with the Iron Cross, (Eisernes Kreutz), made captain by brevet. In 1866 entered city of Frankfurt-am-Main after Austrian war, Frankfurt-am-Main being a free city previous to the war of 1866, and stationed there with his regiment. After the Franco-Prussian war he resigned from the army in fall of 1871 and took charge of the Officers Club in Frankfurt-am-Main, and then held the following government positions: Assistant secretary to the postmaster in Frankfurt-am-Main, 1872-73; chief inspector at the state workhouse at Frankfurt-am-Main till spring of 1876; assistant inspector on the government railways between Frankfurt-am-Main and Mainz on the Rhein till fall of 1879; paymaster for the government schools for the district of Frankfurt-am-Main till

December, 1880; second assistant secretary to the mayor of Frankfurt-am-Main till summer of 1881; first assistant inspector in charge of government railways between Frankfurt-am-Main and Hanau till July, 1884, when he resigned and emigrated to America.

Wilhelm Gustav Rhody, (father), emigrated to America by advice of several relatives on mother's side, who had made fortunes in the new world. John Hoffman, his mother's cousin, after serving in the war of the Rebellion as captain of the Thirty-fourth Illinois Cavalry, took an active interest in politics, being a follower of Lincoln and a great personal friend of the late General Logan. He had great influence among the German-Americans in the city of Chicago, was elected twice as treasurer of Cook county, Illinois, once as sheriff of said county, became a wealthy real estate owner of Chicago, and it was on his advice principally that his father emigrated. His father, however, being independent, changed his mind and stopped off at Pittsburg, where he became acquainted with the late Judge White, of Allegheny county, and prominent German-Americans. Being well educated, but not able to master the English language perfectly, he settled on a farm near Sewickley, Pennsylvania, later moving to New Castle on a farm, where he now resides, with his wife, Susanna Luise (Immelt) Rhody, born in Freienseen, Duchesse of Hesse-Darmstadt, October 5, 1841, daughter of Henry Johann Immelt, who was a stage owner, running stages from different points to Frankfurt-am-Main, died 1860, at the age of forty-three years, at Freienseen. He was a Lutheran in religion.

William G. and Susanna Luise Rhody were married in 1868, and their children were: Henry W. A., born August 27, 1870. Christ William, born March 21, 1871, now married and living in Chicago; connected with the Pullman Company. Marie Amelia, born March 29, 1873, married and living at Perrysville, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburg. Herrman Gustav, born May 25, 1875, died at the age of five years. Johanna Marie, born June 13, 1878, single, living with parents at New Castle, Pennsylvania. All were born in Frankfurt-am-Main.

Nearly all of the relatives of Susanna L. (Immelt) Rhody are now living in Chicago; her father's folks were teachers in the schools in the Duchesse of Hesse-Darmstadt, and her maternal grandmother's relatives were merchants, most of whom also emigrated in the early forties to America and all settled in or about Chicago.

JAMES COCHRANE, well and favorably known in the industrial world of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a representative of a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania for several generations, and have chiefly followed the occupation of farming.

John Cochrane, grandfather of James Cochrane, and the first of the family to emigrate to this country, was born in county Antrim, Ireland, and came to this country with his wife in the year 1812. He settled in Penn township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. They had three children: 1. John, born December, 1814; died June, 1887. He was one of the prosperous farmers of Salem township, and married Mary Christy, daughter of David Christy, a farmer of Salem township. Their children were: Nancy Jane, wife of Samuel Dibel, a farmer in Armstrong county, near Spring Church; they have two children: May and Rose; Margaret Anna, wife of John P. Moore, a farmer of Salem township, and they have two children: Mary Ellen and John M.; James Wallace, David Christy, Harriet Emma, wife of John A. McQuilkin, retired farmer of Washington township; resides in Greensburg.

Mrs. John Cochrane died in 1877. 2. Robert, of whom later. 3. James, of whom later.

Robert Cochrane, second son and child of John Cochrane, born April 5, 1818, died September 14, 1868. The greater part of his life was spent in farming in Indiana county, Pennsylvania. He married Caroline Miller, who died January 13, 1894. She was a daughter of Jacob Miller, a blacksmith of Adamsburg. Their children were: Anna Eliza, married F. N. Hare; Belle, married Levi Portzer; Margaret, married David Rankin, and lives in Clay county, Kansas; Mary, wife of B. F. Marlin, of Salina, Kansas; John, born February 27, 1851, died December, 1905; James, of whom later; William Wallace, born April 9, 1856; resides at Empire, Colorado; Maria Jane, born 1858, died 1861; Laura, born 1861, teaches school in Turtle Creek; a son who died in infancy.

James Cochrane, second son and sixth child of Robert and Caroline (Miller) Cochrane, was born March 24, 1853. He was educated in the Martland school house at Five Points, and upon leaving school was apprenticed to Levi Portzer, his brother-in-law, to learn the trade of plastering, an occupation in which he is still engaged. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Greensburg, and in politics is a staunch Democrat. He married, April 23, 1891, Lyda A. Gongaware, daughter of Lewis and Louisa (Miller) Gongaware, and they have three children: 1. Robert Miller, born July 26, 1892; Margaret Wallace, born August 4, 1895; Sarah Turney, born August 14, 1897.

James Cochrane, third son and child of John Cochrane, born 1822, died 1896. He was a leading farmer of Washington township. He married Jane Alcorn, five children: 1. John, married Anna Black, children: Laura, Homer, Florence, Hazel, Mary, Nina, Lloyd and Erma. 2. Margaret. 3. James Borlin, married Minerva Karns, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Blair) Karns, of Washington township, children: Frank K., James Clyde and Nancy. 4. Jennie, wife of Samuel Stout, foreman at the planing mill of Struble & Walthour, Greensburg. 5. Ella.

FRANK D. BRINKER. Among those farmers of the younger generation upon whom rests the duty of maintaining the reputation established by their predecessors is Frank D. Brinker, of Mutual. He is the son of Simon Brinker, who was born in Wales, and migrated to this country, becoming a farmer in Westmoreland county. He married Elizabeth Truxell, a native of the United States, and their son Frank D. was born May 15, 1879. He received his education in the common schools of his native county, which he attended until reaching the age of eighteen, when he became his father's assistant on the farm. In politics he is a Republican. Frank D. Brinker married, August 15, 1902, Lizzie, born April 15, 1882, in Latrobe, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Welkins) Goodman, and their children are: Robert, born May 5, 1903; Franklin, born June 2, 1904; George, born July 15, 1905.

WILLIAM HERSHEY, son of Jacob and Anna (McCreary) Hershey, residents of Penn township, was born February 12, 1849, at Old Rowan Farm, in Westmoreland county, and until the age of eighteen was engaged in the labors of the farm. He then went into a foundry at Irwin for three years, and at the end of that time entered the service of the Westmoreland Coal Company at their North Side mine, near Irwin, since worked out and abandoned. There he remained for about six months, when he be-



came brakeman on the shifting crew near the mine for the Pennsylvania railroad. After holding the position for two years or more he became brakeman on the Sewickley branch road, known as the Youghiogheny branch. In two years more he was promoted to the position of conductor, which he held for twenty-five years, when the branch was acquired by the Pennsylvania railroad. He served this corporation in the same capacity for another three years, and was then transferred to the Manor branch, running to Claridge, where he still remains. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum and in politics is a Republican. He is a member of the German Reformed church, in which for a number of years he has served as elder.

Mr. Hershey married, July 4, 1871, Sallie, daughter of George and Alice (Wise) Leffler, of Allegheny county, beyond Troy Hill, near Etna Post Office, and their children are: Harry DeWitt, born April 20, 1872, married Letty Good, and lives at Latrobe; Daniel Lot, born March 28, 1875, married Emma Good, and lives at Irwin; Annie Alice, born April 17, 1878, wife of Joseph Ayer, of Fairmount; Jacob Edward, born July 1, 1881, married Mabel Darrah, and is a resident of North Irwin; Howard Albert, born January 26, 1885; Ida May, born October 20, 1888; and Charles Victor, born June 28, 1896.

WILLIAM B. BLAIR, of North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, traces his ancestry to William Blair, who was born in county Antrim, Ireland, in 1792. He was reared and educated in his native land, and in 1819, at the age of twenty-seven years, emigrated to this country to make for himself a new home amid new surroundings. He first located in the Dominion of Canada, and not having sufficient capital to pay his expenses from there to Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, where he had friends, walked the entire distance, working at odd jobs along the way and arriving with five dollars in his pocket. He farmed there for some time, then secured employment in a distillery, later purchased property upon which he erected his own distillery, and in the spring of 1838 sold all his holdings at Mount Pleasant and purchased a farm near Irwin, which he operated until his death. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church, and a Democrat in politics. By his marriage to Margaret Vance, daughter of Squire John and Eleanor (Neal) Vance, of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, the following children were born: John, mentioned hereinafter; James V., married Sarah Hurst; Eliza J., died unmarried; William W., married Martha Wray; Eleanor, became the wife of Robert McGuire; Mary Margaret, became the wife of Frank Hurst; Sibbet, died unmarried; and Samuel N.

John Blair, eldest son of William and Margaret (Vance) Blair, was born in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1828. He received a common school education, and assisted with the labors of the home farm from his eighth year, thus gaining a thorough knowledge of agricultural pursuits. He has conducted extensive operations on the homestead farm near Irwin, and gained a reputation for progressive methods and honorable transactions. He served as supervisor for two years during the period of the Civil war and also held the office of school director. He holds membership in the United Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder for three decades. He is a Democrat in politics, and by his vote and influence has aided the candidates of that great party organization. He married, in 1856, Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of William Barnes, of North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Their children are: William B.,

mentioned hereinafter; Margaret E., became the wife of J. K. Vance, and resides on the Blair farm; Nancy J., became the wife of William L. Martin, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; and Elizabeth, became the wife of Wilson Fleming, and they reside in Irwin.

William B. Blair, eldest son of John and Elizabeth (Barnes) Blair, was born on the homestead farm near Irwin, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He attended the common schools of Fairview and Irwin, thus acquiring a practical education which prepared him for an active career. He has resided continuously on the Blair farm, which he still operates, and which is among the best cultivated and therefore most productive pieces of property in that section of the county. He is now serving as school director, in which capacity he renders valuable assistance. He is a Democrat in politics. He is a member and trustee of the United Prsbytrian church, to the support of which he contributes liberally. On October 20, 1887, Mr. Blair married Rachel White, daughter of James and Harriet (Marchand) White, of Jacksonville, Pennsylvania. Their children are: John H., born July 30, 1889; James W., born August 17, 1891; Charles E., born June 16, 1894; and Alvin W., born June 8, 1898.

**HARROLD FAMILY.** The race which numbers Samuel Lincoln Harrold, of North Huntingdon township, among its numerous representatives, was planted in Westmoreland county by John Harrold, one of the original German settlers of Hempfield township, and founder of the Harrold settlement, near Harrold church.

Jacob Harrold, a descendant of John Harrold, married Elizabeth, daughter of Caspar Walthour, a member of one of the earliest and most notable families in western Pennsylvania. Their children were: William, born April 5, 1818, died unmarried June 24, 1883; Caspar Walthour, born August 8, 1819, married, June 8, 1852, Lydia Snyder, of Kansas; Matilda, born April 19, 1821, married, 1847, Jacob Weaver, of Ligonier; Marie Elizabeth, born March 16, 1823, married February, 1842, David Cort, and is now a widow, living in Illinois; Daniel, mentioned hereinafter; Sarah, born June 18, 1829, died unmarried September 29, 1904; Charlotte, born May 16, 1833, married, November 4, 1852, J. M. Miller, and died February 9, 1902; Mr. Miller lives in Westmoreland City, Pennsylvania; Isabelle, born June 13, 1836, married June 23, 1857, James Caldwell, and lives near Irwin. Mrs. Harrold, the mother of these children, died June 9, 1874, aged seventy-six years and ten months, and the death of the father of the family occurred June 13, 1883, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-two.

Daniel Harrold, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Walthour) Harrold, was born November 10, 1825, on the Harrold farm, near Manor. This tract of three hundred and twelve acres came into the family with his mother, being an inheritance from the Walthours. It is traversed, for about a mile of its length, by the old Philadelphia and Pittsburg pike. At this time the Pennsylvania railroad runs a mile north of it and a portion of it is cut through by the electric railway. Mr. Harrold spent his life as a tiller of the soil, cultivating the acres which had descended to him from his ancestors. He served one term as supervisor at Adamsburg, and in the sphere of politics adhered to the Republican party. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Harrold married, February 18, 1855, Louisa, daughter of John and Christiana (Holtzer) Gress, of Adamsburg, formerly of North Washington, and their family consisted of the following children: Elizabeth, unmarried, and lives at Ma-

nor; John, resides at home; Samuel Lincoln, mentioned hereinafter; Elmer, died in infancy; Jacob, died in infancy; Agnes wife of Dr. John S. Silvis, of Harrison City, Pennsylvania; Anson Forney, married Maude Hubley, lives in East Orange, New Jersey; George, married Jean Morrow, lives in East Orange, New Jersey; Mary Ann, taught four years in the township schools and lives at home; Sarah Della, lives at home; and Alice Louise, the first graduate from the schools of North Huntingdon township, has taught school in the township for six years. The death of Mr. Harrold occurred September 17, 1888.

Samuel Lincoln Harrold, son of Daniel and Louisa (Gress) Harrold, received a common school education and taught school in North Huntingdon township for ten years. He has since devoted himself to the care and management of the homestead, succeeding his father as one of the successful farmers of the township. He is active as a citizen and has served one term as supervisor and two terms on the school board. His political principles are Republican. He is a member of the Brush Creek Reformed church, of which he was at one time deacon, and in which he has served for eighteen years as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Harrold's three brothers, mentioned above, have directed their energies in the channels of agriculture and electricity, and have been prospered in their different callings. John Harrold has traveled extensively through Kansas, Colorado and Missouri, is now living at home unmarried, and is associated with his brother, Samuel Lincoln Harrold, in the management of the home farm. Anson Forney Harrold is an electrical engineer and president of the American Transformer Company of Newark, New Jersey, his home being at East Orange, in the same state. He married Maude Hubley, and two children have been born to them: Hope, deceased, and Elizabeth. George Harrold is connected with his brother, Anson Forney Harrold, in the electrical business, and also lives at East Orange. He married Jean Morrow.

HENRY E. WENRICH. The family of which Henry E. Wenrich, of North Huntingdon township, is a representative, was planted in this country not less than two centuries ago. The earliest known progenitor, though not by several generations the emigrant ancestor, was Benjamin Wenrich, who is buried in the Heidelberg church cemetery, Heidelberg, Berks county, the date of death being given on his stone as 1735. His wife, Marguerite Reneau, died the same year and is buried beside him.

It is doubtful just how many generations intervened between Benjamin Wenrich and his lineal descendant, Daniel Wenrich, but the latter was born in the same township and resided there all his life. His children were: John, buried in Heidelberg church cemetery; Daniel, interred in the same place; Susan, married ——— Seltzer; another daughter who became the wife of ——— Caldbach; a third daughter, who was married to ——— Lenge; and David, mentioned hereinafter.

David Wenrich, son of Daniel Wenrich, married (first) Hannah Boyer, by whom he had four sons and one daughter. After her death he married Maria Henrich, by whom he was the father of two daughters and two sons. The latter, Benjamin and William, both served in the army during the Civil war. William died in a hospital in the south and Benjamin survived until January, 1897. The third wife of David Wenrich was Catherine, daughter of John and Susanna (Hain) Fischer, of Berks county. The former owned immense tracts of land in Heidelberg township and also conducted a paper-

mill thereon, probably one of the first paper-mills in the state. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wenrich were: Catherine, who has been since April, 1862, the widow of James Ruth, and lives in Berks county; Elijah, married Susan Leininger, and died in September, 1902; his widow lives in Robisonia, Berks county; Amanda, who has been since February, 1897, the widow of James Bechtel, and lives in Berks county; Emma, who became the wife of Franklin Wagner, of Coatesville, Chester county, Pennsylvania; James, married Isabel Scaffer, and lives at Reading, Pennsylvania; Henry E., mentioned hereinafter; Susan, married Samuel Stamm, and died in 1869, in Ohio.

Henry E. Wenrich, son of David and Catherine (Fischer) Wenrich, was born February 14, 1844, in Heidelberg township, where he received a common school education and worked on the farm with his father until he attained his majority. He then learned the trade of the flouring-mill, and at the age of twenty-four operated his own flour-mill, near Stouchsburg. He continued to do this until the spring of 1873, when he went to Reading and bought a grocery, in partnership with his brother-in-law, John Burkholder, the firm being known as Burkholder & Wenrich, and their place of business being situated on the corner of Third and Spruce streets. At the end of two years he returned to Stouchsburg and paid some attention to farming until 1880, when he moved to his present home in North Huntingdon township. Here, for about twenty-five years, he has cultivated a large tract of land for the Westmoreland Coal Company, the estate being situated near Biddle Station, which is in the neighborhood of Manor. In following the calling of a farmer he walks in the footsteps of his ancestors, who have always been agriculturists and large landowners. In his political affiliations, also, Mr. Wenrich acts in accordance with the traditions of his family. He is a Republican, the family having been as far back as they are traceable Whigs, and having identified themselves with the Republican party at its organization. His church connections, which are Lutheran, are also an inheritance from his ancestors. He has been a deacon and trustee of the church.

Mr. Wenrich married, December 24, 1867, Mary Burkholder, and two sons have been born to them: 1. Martin Luther, born June 17, 1869, at Stouchsburg, and at the age of twenty-three became a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, out of Pitcairn. Twelve years later he was promoted to the position of engineer and is now settled at Youngwood, Pennsylvania. He is a member of Shidle Lodge, F. and A. M., Irwin. 2. Morris Rambler, born July 27, 1873, died October 9, 1878, and is buried at Myerstown.

Mrs. Wenrich belongs to an old Pennsylvania family, the earliest known ancestor being George Burkholder, of Lancaster county. His forefathers had been Mennonites for many generations, but on his marriage with a Miss Brubeck he was converted to the faith of his wife, which was that of the Lutheran church, with which his descendants have ever since been connected.

Peter B. Burkholder, son of George Burkholder, was a farmer on a large scale for that region, his farm of two hundred acres joining the town of Strouchsburg, and his home buildings being in the town. He married Marie Bergman, and their son, Daniel, carried on a wagon shop in Strouchsburg, where he built connestoga wagons. He married Sarah Reed and they were the parents of a son, Augustus, mentioned hereinafter. Mrs. Wenrich was a daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Wagner) Reed, and a granddaughter of Daniel Reed. The latter was a lineal descendant of Johannes Reith, the earliest known ancestor, who is buried in the Reeds church graveyard, near Strouchsburg, the date of his death being given at 1735. The patronymic was variously spelled Reith, Reid and Reed.

Augustus Burkholder, son of Daniel and Sarah (Reed) Burkholder, conducted a general store at Strouchsburg for a number of years, and for a time was postmaster there, being appointed by President Lincoln. For a few years he operated a foundry at Meyerstown, Pennsylvania, returning to Strouchsburg in 1861. His wife was Mary Rambler, and they were the parents of a daughter, Mary, who was born January 10, 1850, in Meyerstown, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, and became the wife of Henry E. Wenrich, as mentioned above.

SAMUEL WATTERS, of Irwin, was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1855, son of William and Margaret (McCullough) Watters, and grandson on the paternal side of Samuel Watters, who was a resident of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a number of years prior to his death, and who operated the farm for James Irwin, near the town of Irwin, now the property of Thomas H. Irwin, and grandson on the maternal side of John and Martha McCollough, of New York City.

William Watters (father) came to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, at an early age. He farmed with his father for several years, later settling at Jacksonville and driving a stage on the old Pittsburg and Philadelphia pike. When the Pennsylvania railroad was constructed and the traffic on the pike fell away, he was one of those to adapt himself to the new enterprise and secured employment as conductor. He ran continuously until killed, in 1865, by the explosion of an engine on the strip of track known as Beatty's Level, near Beatty's Station. He married Margaret McCullough, daughter of John and Martha McCullough, of New York city, and their children were: Agnes, became the wife of William Milner, and they reside in Pittsburg; Samuel, born October 5, 1855, mentioned hereinafter; Jennie, became the wife of Milton Phillipi, and they reside at Derry, Pennsylvania; John, married Ida Gilchrist, and they reside at Altoona, Pennsylvania. After the death of Mr. Watters his widow married Hunter S. Love, of Westchester, Pennsylvania, an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad, who later conducted a hotel at Derry Station, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Love died November 4, 1894.

Samuel Watters received a common school education, and at the age of twelve years went into the glass works, where he remained five years. He then took up his residence in Derry and secured employment with the Pennsylvania railroad, tending the water plug at that place. At the age of eighteen he went on the road as fireman, and in the fall of 1875 was promoted to the post of engineer. His run at first was from Pittsburg to Conemaugh, which he held one year, and then a vacancy occurring on the shifter at Irwin he transferred to that place. In 1899 he took the run on the Yough branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, which he has since held. He is a member of the Methodist church, in which body he served as trustee six years and treasurer five years. He is a member of Irwin Council, No. 44, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is a Republican in politics.

On August 20, 1876, Mr. Watters married Jennie Hunsburger, born September 5, 1859, daughter of John and Catherine (Taylor) Hunsburger of Blairsville, Pennsylvania. John Hunsburger died March 16, 1877, and his wife, Catherine, died September 21, 1870. The great-grandparents of Mrs. Jennie (Hunsburger) Watters on both sides of the family were from Germany. The issue of this union were: Alice, born June 29, 1877, became the wife of Frank Brush, of Youngwood, Pennsylvania; issue, Samuel Watters. Jennie, Harry Diltz, deceased; and Nellie Rhodes Brush. Matilda Cleophis, born November 28, 1879, died November 16, 1881. Maggie Malvina, born

February 23, 1881, became the wife of G. Brooks Ross, May 28, 1901, issue: Chauncey Brooks Ross.

JOHN W. KENNEDY, son of John and Julia Kennedy, was born January 29, 1858, in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. He attended the public schools of his native county until he was about fifteen years of age, when he began to earn wages as a weigher in the coal mines. He was identified with mining operations for about five years, then located at Everson, Fayette county, and engaged in the hotel business, conducting the Everson House, and continued at that for some ten years. He next engaged in the brewing business, and in company with some others erected the brewery at Scottdale and the ice plant in connection with it. In 1899 the two establishments were sold to the Pittsburg Brewing Company, since which time Mr. Kennedy has been manager of the plants at Scottdale and Mount Pleasant. He is one of the stockholders of the Pittsburg Brewing Company and devotes his time and attention entirely to this line of business. Mr. Kennedy has ever been active in works for the good of the borough and has done a good share in building up the community. He is the owner of considerable property on the main street of Scottdale, and his name is one of the best known in that part of the state. Politically he is independent, but as a rule he is a Democratic voter.

He married, November 30, 1882, Ellen T. Connor, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Connor. They have a family of seven children: Robert J., a law student at the Georgetown Law School at Washington; Margaret, a student at Seaton Hill Seminary, Greensburg; Mary, a student at the same institution; Joseph, student at St. Vincent's College; Clare, studying at a parochial school; Frances, also at a parochial school; John W., Jr. They are members of the Church of St. John the Baptist at Scottdale.

F. A. BLACK, president of the F. A. Black Manufacturing Company, is a native of Connecticut. He began the manufacture of cutlery in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1879 and continued there until 1891, when he removed to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the same industry until 1902. His whole business life has been confined to this line of business, in which he has a thorough and practical knowledge of every branch of the trade, having had personal experience in all grades of the industry from that of mechanic through every department. The company of which he is the head was incorporated November 22, 1904, successor to the Lahille Cutlery Company, formerly of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. The company was incorporated with a capital of \$1,000,000, the officers being: F. A. Black, president; A. B. Laucks, vice president; E. R. Laukes, secretary and treasurer. Their plant has a floor space of about twenty thousand feet, and they furnish employment to one hundred people in the manufacture of Berlaw pocket cutlery. The products of this company are a distinct type, quite different from the output of any similar concern, being the original conception of Mr. Black. His plant will turn out annually one hundred thousand dollars worth of goods, which will be disposed of to the largest hardware establishments of the country, through the central west. He is one of the ambitious men of the country and looks forward to the development of one of the great industries of the country, which will have a fame extending throughout the civilized world.

WILLIAM F. TRIGGES, general superintendent of the Paige Warren Wire Company at Monessen, Pennsylvania, is a native of Lenawee county, Michigan, born September 18, 1866, son of William M. and Mary (Fuller) Triggess.

Rev. Robert Triggess (grandfather) was a native of Bristol, England, who emigrated to America in 1839, landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he remained for a short time, thence to Zanesville, Ohio, where he received a contract to letter fingerboards for road intersections, his first employment in Ohio. He was a miller and baker by trade in his native land. From Ohio he removed to Michigan, settling in Washtenaw county, near Chelsea, and entered the itinerant ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, for years covering a large circuit, preaching in log cabins and school houses. He lived to the age of ninety-two years, dying at the home of his son in Ripan, Wisconsin.

William M. Triggess (father), son of Rev. Robert Triggess, educated himself, working at the carpenter's trade to pay his way through college. He attended Albion and Evanston college in Illinois. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in Michigan, following this calling for forty years. He is now living a retired life at Morenci, Michigan. He married Miss Mary Fuller, and of the children born to them was a son, William F.

William F. Triggess was reared in Michigan and obtained a common school education there. At the age of sixteen he engaged in work as a stationary engineer, following this occupation for five years. He then entered a machine shop in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he spent four years. The next two years he was employed as chief engineer for the Water Works Company at Grand Rapids. He removed from there to Adrian, Michigan, where he associated himself with the Hand Milling Company as chief engineer, being thus engaged for two years. Then, in 1893, he established himself with the Paige Warren Wire Company, at Adrian, where he was located for six years, being employed in the engineering department. In the spring of 1897 he removed to Monessen in the interest of the company, and was on the spot at the inception and first move made toward the erection of the magnificent plant at this place, superintending the construction of the plant. He has since acted as general superintendent and manager of the plant. His ability to perform the responsible duties incident to this position has been fully demonstrated, as the plant each year assumes larger proportions and grows continuously.

Mr. Triggess is a Republican in politics, and active in all affairs pertaining to the welfare of the community. He was one of the organizers and is a director of the Monessen Savings & Trust Company and is also a stockholder in the Paige Warren Wire Fence Company. He has served on the borough council—first an unexpired term for three years and is now serving another term. In 1903 he was president of the council.

June 28, 1888, Mr. Triggess married Eloise Baldwin, of Morenci, Michigan, daughter of Edgar Baldwin. They have three children, viz: Percy, born December, 1889; Olive, October, 1893; and Morris, November, 1899. Their home is at 50 Reed avenue, and they affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church.

EDWARD WERKMAN, of Hawk Eye, was born in Hempfield township, October 13, 1858, a son of John P. and Christine Werkman.

Edward Werkman attended the common schools and remained on the homestead until 1882, when he entered the service of Graul & Werkman, bakers and confectioners, with whom he remained until 1884. He then went to

Ironbridge, where for ten years he was engaged in the general merchandise business. While there he established the postoffice, was made postmaster and served in that capacity for about ten years. In the autumn of 1893 his store was destroyed by fire, and in the spring of 1894 he purchased the farm on which he has since lived and which at the present time consists of twenty-two acres. This land he has, for the last twelve years, cultivated as a gardener, doing a general business. He is a Republican in politics, and in the spring of 1894 was elected tax collector of East Huntingdon township, an office which he filled for six years. He belongs to the Knights of Malta, and he and his family are members of the Reformed church.

Mr. Werkman married, September 7, 1887, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Robinson) Holtzer, and they are the parents of the following children: John Edward, Jennie Holtzer, Elizabeth Christine, William Holtzer, Martha Agnes, Ruth Theodosia, Paul Holtzer, and Sarah Gail. Mrs. Werkman is a native of Hempfield township, having been born there September 19, 1865.

**MICHAEL KEPPLE.** The Kepple family is of German lineage and was established in Westmoreland county by Michael Kepple, grandfather of Michael Kepple, of this review, who came from Germany to the new world and purchased the farm upon which his grandson and namesake now resides. However, at the time of his arrival he entered a tract of land from the government, which is now in possession of John Rugh. The Indians were then numerous in this part of the state and were often hostile, so that Michael Kepple built upon his farm a block house, which was still standing until about fifteen or twenty years ago. After owning his father's farm for a number of years, he sold that property and purchased the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson. It came into his possession in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He was one of three brothers who came to America and all settled in Westmoreland county. The grandfather continued to reside on what is now the old family homestead until his life's labors were ended in death.

Jacob Kepple, son of Michael Kepple, was born upon this farm in 1795 and spent his entire life there, passing away in the fall of 1857. His energies were always devoted to agricultural pursuits and he lived the quiet life of an honest farmer. His political allegiance was given the Democracy, and he held membership in the Lutheran church, in which he served as deacon and elder for many years. He married Margaret Deemer and they became the parents of ten children, of whom seven are living, namely: Susanna, wife of Solomon Barnhart; Jacob, of Greensburg; Martha, wife of Reuben Snyder; Michael, see forward; Sarah, wife of Amos Kunkle; Hannah, wife of William Garry; and Levina, the wife of John Blank.

Michael Kepple, son of Jacob Kepple, was born on the farm where he now resides, April 7, 1833, and is indebted to the public school system of the county for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He was also early trained to farm life and when still quite young took charge of the farm, continuing its management for his father until 1862, when he and his brother George, now deceased, purchased the farm and in partnership continued its operation for fifteen years or more. Michael Kepple then purchased his brother's interests and has since been sole owner of the property, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation. He is a Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Lutheran church, while his wife belongs to the Reformed church. He served as church officer for a number of years.

He was married in 1862 to Magdalena Nappenberger, a daughter of Solo-



mon Nappenberger, and they became the parents of five children, of whom four are living: Ida, wife of John Johnson, of Greensburg; Edward, an oil well driller, of Missouri; Margaret J., wife of Leroy Nicholas, who operates her father's farm; and Ezra, living in Greensburg.

GEORGE SHOEMAKER, owner of a fine farm in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, was born in this township, August 9, 1837, his parents being Jacob and Mary A. (Wagner) Shoemaker. The father was born in Switzerland, where he was reared. Immediately after his marriage, however, he emigrated to the United States and after a voyage of six weeks landed at Baltimore, Maryland. He proceeded with his young wife to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was employed for six months, and they then started for Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Sending their trunk across this state by wagon, he and his wife walked and on reaching Westmoreland county he was told that many who went to Pittsburg returned to this county, so that he and his wife decided to remain and locate in Hempfield township, where they lived for ten or fifteen years. Mr. Shoemaker worked as a farm hand for Fred Bierer, and while thus employed saved his money which he put out at interest, and when he had accumulated sufficient capital purchased a small farm of forty acres. Through his frugal habits, careful management and economy he was at the time of his death one of the well-to-do farmers of the township, leaving an estate of more than thirty thousand dollars. He voted with the Democracy and was a member of the Lutheran church. His death occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-five years. In his family were eleven children, eight of whom are living, namely: George; John, of Greensburg; Elizabeth, wife of Gottlieb Wagner, of Harrison City, Westmoreland county; Rebecca, widow of Joseph Walters, of Oil City; Barbara, wife of Michael Potts, of Salem township; Westmoreland county; Catherine, wife of George Scott, of the same township; Rosanna, wife of Jerry Bush, of Greensburg; and Sabilla, also living in Greensburg.

George Shoemaker was reared in his father's home and in his early boyhood days worked for Fred Bierer. When his father purchased a farm he assisted in its cultivation and development until eighteen years of age, when he apprenticed himself to the wagonmaker's trade and for fifteen years followed that pursuit. In 1867 he purchased a farm of fifty-five acres in Salem township, where he resided eight years. He then sold the property and bought a farm of one hundred acres near Greensburg. In 1888 he sold forty acres of his farm to the Keystone Coal Company and the same year purchased ninety acres adjoining Benjamin Eiseman, upon which he erected a handsome residence, making it his home continuously since. He is a Prohibitionist in his political views, and religiously is connected with the Lutheran church of Greensburg. In 1867 he married Mary Painter, a daughter of Peter Painter, of Salem township, and they have four children: Marion P., Chalmers G., Mary L. and Pearl. The sons now operate the home farm.

FRANK R. DALBEY, engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and a resident of Youngwood, was born in Derry township, Westmoreland county, March 29, 1874, a son of Iden B. and Rachel (Huston) Dalbey. His father, residing in Greensburg, this county, has for forty years been in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and is now yardmaster at Youngwood. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and in his political faith is a Republican. He also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Royal Arcanum. His wife died when

their son Frank was but four years of age. The other members of the family are: Clara E., wife of Richard D. Laird, of Greensburg; June E., wife of Nevin Heller, of Lancaster; and Jessie, wife of Rabe Marsh, of Greensburg.

Frank R. Dalbey, following his mother's death, was reared by his maternal grandmother and aunt in Greensburg, and his education was acquired in the public schools there. When only fourteen years of age he started out to earn his own living, securing a position in the shops of Kelley & Jones, in Greensburg. A year later he entered the service of the Pennsylvania railroad, securing a minor position in the civil engineering corps on the southwest branch of the road. After two years in that department he became locomotive fireman on the Pittsburg division, and when eight years had passed he was promoted to engineer, in February, 1900, which is his present relation to the company. Mr. Dalbey votes with the Republican party, and is a member of Youngwood Lodge, No. 447, I. O. O. F., and of J. M. Guffey Division, N. 454, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his friends entertain for him high regard.

Mr. Dalbey married, November 27, 1894, Anna N. Bossert, a daughter of Albert Bossert, of Latrobe, Westmoreland county.

**PATRICK AUGUSTINE SKELLEY.** One of Greensburg's worthy citizens is Patrick Augustine Skelley. Mr. Skelley's grandfather, John Skelley, was of Irish descent and came to Westmoreland county some time in the '20s. He settled on a farm in Derry township between Derry and Alexandria. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. His wife was Catherine Whetstone, of German descent. Mr. Skelley died on his farm about 1843.

Daniel Skelley, son of John and Catherine (Whetstone) Skelley, was born, probably, in Cambria county, where he was reared on a farm near Summer Hill. He inherited his father's farm and devoted himself to its cultivation. He married Catherine Keelin, of Derry township, and of their children only one survives: Patrick Augustine, mentioned hereinafter. The death of Mr. Skelley occurred in 1847.

Patrick Augustine Skelley, son of Daniel and Catherine (Kellin) Skelley, was born October 18, 1841, in Derry township, and some time in the '60s entered the service of the Pennsylvania railway as brakeman, but soon after he was forced by two accidents to resign the position. He had before this become by inheritance the owner of the farm and in 1868 disposed of it by sale. In 1871 he again entered the railway service in the capacity of fireman, and two and a half years later was promoted to the position of engineer. This was in 1874 and he is still at his post of duty. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Skelley married in 1867, Mary B., daughter of James Magill, of Derry township, and the following children have been born to them: Daniel J., deceased; John H., a resident of Duquesne; James A., a plumber in Salina, Kansas; Raymond E., who is preparing for the priesthood at St. Vincent's College, Westmoreland county; Genevieve, resides at home; Blanche, wife of Robert M. Allen, of Newcastle; Marie and Imelda; both of whom are at home with their parents.

**ROBERT C. BEST.** Among the locomotive engineers of Westmoreland county Robert C. Best, of Greensburg, holds a leading position. On the paternal side Mr. Best is of Scotch-Irish descent, the founder of the family, however, having come from England. According to family tradition there is a romance connected with the emigrant ancestor to the effect that he and his

bride made a runaway match and fled across the sea to seek their fortune in the New World. Mr. Best's maternal great-grandfather was a native of Germany.

Robert C. Best was born on a farm in Ligonier valley, learned the shoemaker's trade, and came to Greensburg a young man, following his trade in that place during the remainder of his life. He was a Democrat in politics and wielded much influence in his party, being twice nominated for the office of county commissioner. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Anna B. Bierer, and nine children were born to them, six of whom survive: John, engaged in the real estate business in Jeannette; Robert C. and James (twins), the former mentioned hereinafter, the latter a carpenter in Greensburg; William, also a carpenter in Greensburg; Andrew, lives in Greensburg and is employed by the Keystone Coal & Coke Company; Henry a stone and brick mason in Connellsville. Mr. Best died a comparatively young man and his widow is still living in South Greensburg.

Robert C. Best, son of Robert C. and Anna B. (Bierer) Best, was born July 13, 1858, in Hempfield township, and in consequence of the death of his father was obliged at a very early age to contribute to the support of the family. He desired to learn the trade of a blacksmith or carpenter, but was unable to do so, and later when he wished to enter the railroad service and his mother objected he yielded in deference to her wishes. In 1881 he left the mines where he was then working, and entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad as fireman. Five months later he resigned and engaged in the same capacity with the Pennsylvania railroad. December 4, 1886, he was promoted to the position of engineer, which he has since continuously held, being one of the best known engineers in the service of the company. Mr. Best is a member of Westmoreland Lodge, No. 840, I. O. O. F., of Greensburg, having passed the chairs, and also belongs to J. M. Guffey Division, No. 454 Board of Locomotive Engineers. He is Democratic in politics, and is a member of the First Reformed Church of Greensburg.

Mr. Best married in 1888, Aletta, daughter of William Hile, of Greensburg, and their children are: Lucy, Anna May, Grtrude, Robert H., and an infant.

JOHN C. HAYMAKER, born in Patton township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1853, is a descendant of a prominent pioneer family of Westmoreland county. The first representative of the family to settle in the United States was Christopher Haymaker, a native of Germany, who died in 1788, and lies buried at the mouth of Plum creek, where the village of Verona was later located.

Jacob Haymaker, son of Christopher Haymaker, was one of the early residents of Franklin township, and served as justice of the peace, gaining much popularity by the efficient manner in which he discharged the duties pertaining thereto. He was the father of three sons: John, George and Michael, who all became wealthy farmers and leading men of the township.

John Haymaker, son of Jacob Haymaker, was the first of the family to settle in Westmoreland county. He located near Murrysville and followed the occupation of farming. He married Anna Newlen, who bore him thirteen children, among whom were the following: William N., of whom later; George, John, Frank Laird, Mary, married Rev. A. McElwain, D. D.; Nancy, married Dr. Murray Service, have two children: Dr. J. H., and Dr. Charles Service; Keziah, married William Chambers; Elizabeth, married J. W. Harvey.

William N. Haymaker, son of John and Anna (Newlen) Haymaker, was

born in Franklin township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He was by occupation a farmer and was employed thus in Patton township for forty years. From there he went to Turtle creek, Allegheny county, where his death occurred. He served as burgess of Turtle Creek one term, and as justice of the peace of Patton township two terms. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Mary Simpson, who bore him two children: John C., of whom later; and Ida, married William B. Brush, of Washington, Pennsylvania, and has four children: Berlin, Seward, William and Clare.

John C. Haymaker, son of William N. and Mary (Simpson) Haymaker, married, November 18, 1878, Anna McKnight, daughter of John McKnight, and their children are: Marguerite, married Joseph Fronheiser, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Mary S., is now (1906) taking vocal lessons in New York; and Louisa B., attending preparatory school.

**HENRY WILLIAM POPE.** Perhaps no man of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is better known or more highly esteemed by friends and business associates alike than Henry William Pope. He was born in Hanover, Germany, April 12, 1858, the son of Earnest and Frederica (Roden) Pope, and one of nine children, four of whom are still living: Rica, wife of Edward Bocke, Pittsburg; Henry William, mentioned hereinafter; Anna, wife of Reinhart Walb, St. Louis, Missouri; and Dora, married Peter Rheil, a farmer of Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania. The father of these children, Earnest Pope, was born and reared in Hanover, Germany, and engaged in the hotel business in Paransen, where he resided and conducted his business up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1867, when he was fifty-two years of age. After his death Mrs. Pope married Lewis Hampe, and of this union one child was born, August Hampe.

In 1872 Henry W. Pope, in company with a brother, Earnest, left his native land, sailing for American shores. They located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and one year later their mother and step-father and the other members of the family also emigrated to this country, also settling in Pittsburg, where Mr. Hampe was employed for a time, later removing to a farm in Castle Shannon. In 1888 he purchased his present home farm in Hempfield township, two miles east of Greensburg, where he still resides.

Henry William Pope and his brother (who is now deceased) secured employment in the Cunningham glass works, where Earnest learned the trade of pot-maker, and later accepted a position with a St. Louis firm, which afforded him a good salary, and where he remained until his death, which occurred several years later.

Henry Pope remained with the Pittsburg firm some six years, at the expiration of that time severing his connection with that establishment in order to accept a position as stationary engineer for the South Side Street Car Company, where he was employed up to 1880. He then went to Chicago and for six years was connected with the American boiler works as a sheet iron worker. In 1886 he returned to Westmoreland county, remaining with his parents for four years and assisting with the farm work. In 1890 Mr. Pope purchased a portable saw-mill and was engaged for one year in the saw-mill business, when he disposed of his mill and entered the firm of Kelly & Jones, having charge of their boilers and engines. This position of trust and responsibility he retained until May, 1904. He then established himself with the Brown & Ketchum structural steel works, holding the position of electrical engineer, and he was given entire charge of the machine shops. Mr. Pope is a progressive business man, an expert machinist and mechanic, and a man whose straightforward

business methods and genial disposition have gained for him the respect and confidence of his employers, and the good will and highest esteem of his friends and acquaintances. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, and he takes a lasting interest in the welfare of his county and town. The great regard in which he is held by his fellow townsmen is demonstrated by the fact that he has been chosen chairman of the borough council, having served as a member of the council for several years. He is also a member of the school board and has been for some ten years. He is a member of the Westmoreland Lodge, No. 840, I. O. O. F., of Greensburg; Greensburg Lodge, No. 366, K. O. G. E.; Greensburg Lodge W. O. W.; and the Rebeccas.

In 1890 Mr. Pope married Elizabeth C. Scheffler, of Hempfield township, and to them was born one child, Albert Pope.

**GEORGE W. BEANER.** He to whose ancestral and personal record we now briefly direct attention is a representative of one of the old and honored families of Westmoreland county, and here he has ever maintained his home, being a resident of the city of Greensburg at the time of this writing. His grandfather, Daniel Beaner, was a native of England, where he was reared and married. While yet a young man he emigrated with his wife to America and came to Westmoreland county, where he was identified with agricultural pursuits until his death, while his devoted wife also passed the closing years of her life in this county. Their children were: Joseph, a successful manufacturer of corks, at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; James; Michael, engaged in the tinner's trade in Greensburg; David, deceased; Fannie, the wife of ——— Edwards; Mary, the wife of William Singer; and George, the father of the subject of this sketch.

George Beaner was born and reared in Westmoreland county, where he received a good common-school education, and learned the cooper's trade, at which he was engaged until the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion, when he promptly tendered his services in defense of the Union, enlisting in 1862 as a member of a regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and proceeding to the front. He participated in a number of important engagements and was finally captured by the enemy and incarcerated in Libby prison, in Richmond, Virginia, where he died in captivity. He married Hannah Roddy, who was likewise born and bred in Westmoreland county, and she survived her husband by many years, dying on the 13th of March, 1904. She was a devoted christian and her gentle attributes of character endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. Of her children we enter brief record: John is a resident of New Florence, this county; Daniel is a prosperous farmer in Somerset county; Lewis and Samuel reside in Millwood, Westmoreland county; Mary is the wife of Frank Risher; Jennie died in childhood; George W. is the immediate subject of this review.

George W. Beaner was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, September 11, 1862, his father having gone to the front as a soldier only a short time previously, so that he was never permitted to know paternal care and guidance, but has reason to feel all of gratitude and veneration for the solicitude and self-abnegation manifested by his devoted mother, who kept watch and ward over his youthful days with unceasing care. His mother returned with her children to Westmoreland county soon after his birth, and in the public schools of the same he secured his early educational training. He early learned the trade of sawyer, and to the same he has devoted his attention during the major portion of his business career, being known as one of the most efficient artisans in the line to be found in this section. He showed his filial devotion to his loved

mother by remaining at home and providing for her until she was called forward to the land of the dead, and he has never married. Mr. Beaner has never sought office of any description.

**CHARLES CONNOR.** While by birth and parentage Charles Connor, of Norton, Virginia, may be said to belong to Scotland, by the ties of loyal citizenship he is linked to the United States. His father, Peter Connor, was born in 1827, in the parish of Shotts, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and was by occupation a miner. In 1880 he emigrated to the United States, whither his two sons, Charles and Peter, had preceded him by some months to arrange for the arrival of the remainder of the family. In his new home Mr. Connor engaged in mining in the soft coal regions, where he resided during the remainder of his life. He was active in the temperance movement, and was a Republican in politics. In early manhood he was a member of the Presbyterian church, but severed his connection with that body when Dr. James Morrison was expelled therefrom for preaching the heresy of the universality of the atonement. Mr. Connor then united with the Methodist Episcopal church with which he was thenceforth identified. His wife was Jane Sneddon, and their children were: Charles, see forward; Peter M., mine superintendent in Somerset county, Pennsylvania; Mary, deceased, wife of Robert Donaldson, also deceased; Helen, wife of John Cole, mine foreman at Boswell, Somerset county; David, machinist at Hazelwood, Pittsburg; John, mine foreman at Sandy Lake, Mercer county, Pennsylvania; James, mine foreman at Dunbar, Pennsylvania; William, mine foreman at Myersdale, Somerset county; and Jennie, wife of William Peg, mine foreman at Wallersburg, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Connor, the father, died in 1899, in Uniontown, and is buried in Oak Grove cemetery.

Charles Connor, son of Peter and Jane (Sneddon) Connor, was born April 30, 1850, near Glasgow, Scotland, and received a very limited education in the common schools. In his twenty-fourth year he attended a night school at the South Kensington Museum of Science and Art, London, where he took special courses in mining and mechanics, both theoretically and practically, also in geology, machine construction, drawing, inorganic chemistry, electricity, mathematics and geometry. In each of these studies he was granted first class advanced certificates. For eight months yearly during a period of five consecutive years, he walked four miles to and from school, making eight miles each night, and in all this time missed but three nights. As early as his ninth year he went to work in the mines as trapper boy and gradually worked his way up to the position of fire boss and assistant foreman. In 1879 he emigrated to the United States and lived for one year in Columbia county, Ohio, where he was engaged in the mines. He then moved to the banks of the Monongahela river, near Fayette City, where he was employed some two years, serving during a part of this time as weighmaster and shipping clerk. His next removal was to the Buffalo mines near Monongahela City, and while employed there an explosion occurred in the mines, Mr. Connor making two daring rescues. His knowledge of mining having become evident to the management, he was employed in the reconstruction of the ventilator and in putting the mines in working order, with the result that the ventilator was increased by the same fan from eighteen thousand to twenty thousand feet to sixty-nine thousand feet. He was then offered the position of foreman of the mine, but declined it for the reason that the man then filling the place was his personal friend.

This work brought Mr. Connor into contact with James Louttit, then state superintendent of mines, through whose influence he was offered and accepted

the position of foreman at the Henry Clay mines of the Frick Coal & Coke Company. Some six months later he was offered the foremanship of the Leith shaft for the Chicago & Connellsville Coke Company, near Uniontown, where he remained three years. He then accepted the superintendency of the Rockhill Iron & Coal Company, in Huntingdon county, in which position he served seven years. In 1893 he passed the examination for mine inspector and was appointed state mine inspector, serving in this important position seven years and nine months. Three months prior to the expiration of his last term he tendered his resignation in order to accept the position of general superintendent of mines of the Dominion Coal Company, Nova Scotia, Canada, but at the end of seven months, in consequence of the rigorous climate and his failing health, he resigned in order to become division superintendent of the Redstone Division of the Pittsburg Coal Company. Four months later he was appointed by the same company inspector of all their mines on the Monongahela and Youghiogheny rivers south of Pittsburg.

In January, 1903, through much persuasion, he was induced to resign this position and go to Norton, Virginia, to open some new mines and build coke ovens for some officials of the United States Steel Company. After he had opened the mines and built four hundred furnaces, everything being in good working order, the prices of coke forced the company to shut down, and Mr. Connor went to Maryland to open some mines there. When his work was completed he returned, after an absence of seven months, to Norton, where his family was residing, and where he had purchased and was conducting the St. Charles hotel. In June, 1904, the building was burned to the ground, and ten days later Mr. Connor had workmen on the site for the erection of a new modern brick hotel building of fifty-four rooms, having in this interval drawn the plans, let the contract and made all preliminary arrangements. The building was completed in November of the same year and has proved a very profitable investment.

In the Christmas season of 1904 Mr. Connor went to Somerset county to attend the death-bed of his mother, and on his way home stopped at the offices of the Pittsburg Coal Company, Pittsburg, to see his former friends and employes. He was urged to come back and get the mines at Webster in profitable working order, and in compliance with this request took charge of the Equitable, the North Webster and the Menown mines, entering upon his duties January 9, 1905. Throughout Mr. Connor's varied experience every position in which he has served has come to him not as the result of solicitation, but as a voluntary offer. He is a Republican in politics and has done some campaign speaking, but declined to run for the legislature, although urgently solicited to become a candidate. He is connected with the following fraternal organizations: Fayette Lodge, No. 228, F. and A. M.; Union Chapter, No. 156, R. A. M.; Uniontown Commandery, No. 49, Knights Templar; and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburg, and of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Connor married, February 10, 1872, Jane Musgrave, a native of Northumberland, England, and a member of one of the old families of that region. Their children are: 1. Peter M., mine foreman at Ocean No. 1, of the Pittsburg Coal Company at Scotthaven. 2. Jeannie S., trained nurse, for some time superintendent of the Morgantown Hospital connected with the University. 3. Annie T., at home, graduate of Morgantown University. 4. Charles W., graduate of State College, now mining engineer at Ellsworth. 5. George M., at home, hotel clerk. 6. Mary M., attending College at Bristol, Virginia. 7. Lizzie D., at home.





sylvania system and lives at his parental home. 5. Nettie, born June 24, 1874, deceased. 6. Henrietta May, born July 9, 1876, married George Truxell. 7. Lawrence W., born April 7, 1878, married Minnie Painter. 8. Blair E., born April 4, 1880, married Lena Haukeson, of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. 9. Homer J., born December 5, 1882. 10. Emma B., born July 13, 1885. 11. Norris E., born March 28, 1887. 12. Chrissie E., born September 16, 1889. 13. Merrill D., born March 18, 1893, died when one and one-half years of age.

**CHARLES M. HILL.** One of those men who are sure to make their way in any community and under all circumstances is Charles M. Hill, of Latrobe. The father of Mr. Hill was Joseph H. Hill, who was a carpenter and followed his trade nearly all his life. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Lutheran church. His wife was Catherine Piffe, and their children were: Katie, Albert, Charles M., see forward; George M., deceased; and William H.

Charles M. Hill, son of Joseph H. and Catherine (Piffe) Hill, was born May 19, 1860, in Westmoreland county, where he was educated in the common schools. After leaving school he worked four years at the carpenter's trade and then turned his attention to civil engineering which he has followed successfully ever since. His political influence and vote are given to the Democrats. Mr. Hill married, in 1886, Tillie Longstreath, and their children are: Gertrude May, born August 14, 1887; Charles W., October 12, 1889; Katie, November 18, 1891; George A., November 21, 1893; Ida M., September 12, 1896; John D., December 31, 1898; Leroy, February 23, 1900; and Harry R., June 24, 1903.

The father of Mrs. Hill was John Longstreath, a native of Armstrong county, who all his life followed the calling of a miner. He married and reared a family of eight children, one of whom was a daughter, Tillie, who was born December 20, 1870, in Leechburg, Pennsylvania, and became the wife of Charles M. Hill, as mentioned above.

**ALBERT K. WILLIAMS,** of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, son of David and Margaret D. (Wise) Williams, was born in Greensburg, March 25, 1858. His education was obtained in the common schools of his native city and was concluded when he was fourteen years of age. His first employment was on the Erie and Pennsylvania Railroad where he remained six months in the capacity of mail agent. He then took a place on a steamboat and learned the baker's trade at which he worked three years. For several years following he cooked in restaurants and on steamboats, returning to Greensburg in 1879. Preferring an outdoor life and a more active employment he next became a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad system and followed that occupation until an injury to one of his hands compelled him to relinquish that kind of work, and he went to work in the coal mines. Several years were spent in mining and then he returned to the railroad service, where he worked two years as a brakeman. From 1886 to 1888 he had leave of absence and had other employment. In 1888 he returned and was employed as a flagman. In 1898 he was promoted to freight conductor, and for some years has had a steady run.

Mr. Williams is a member of Lodge No. 114, Order of Railroad Conductors, Pittsburg; also of Lodge No. 484 Knights of Pythias, Greensburg. In politics he is a Republican. He was married July 22, 1880, to Ida N. Sindorf, daughter of John and Louisa (Truxal) Sindorf, a native of Greens-

ROBERT R. McQUILKIN. The paternal great-grandfather of Robert R. McQuilkin, of Apollo, was born about 1750, in Scotland, whence he moved to Ireland and later emigrated to the United States. He settled in Westmoreland county, and served in the war of the revolution, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill. About 1777 he married Anna Robinson.

Robert Robinson McQuilkin, son of the emigrant ancestor and his wife Anna (Robinson) McQuilkin, was born in 1782, in Westmoreland county, and married Jane Richey, a native of county Down, Ireland, who when a child was brought by her parents to the United States. The father died on the voyage and was buried at sea, and the mother, with her three children, settled in Westmoreland county. Mr. and Mrs. McQuilkin were the parents of the following children: William, mentioned hereinafter; James, Andrew R., Robert R., John, died in infancy; Margaret, wife of a Mr. Adair; Samuel, Mary Ann, wife of a Mr. McKee; Jane, Isabella, wife of a Mr. Stewart; and John (2).

William McQuilkin, son of Robert Robinson and Jane (Richey) McQuilkin, was born in 1808, in Washington township, and was a farmer, owning three hundred acres of land, of which one hundred and fifty now belong to his son, Robert R. McQuilkin. Mr. McQuilkin married Hannah Alcorn, and their children were: John, Robert R., mentioned hereinafter; William Richey, deceased; Rebecca, wife of Peter Wangaman, of Saltsburg; Nancy J., deceased, wife of David McKee; Sarah Ann, wife of George Spear; also deceased; and Belle, wife of F. B. Rugh. The death of Mrs. McQuilkin occurred in 1882, and that of Mr. McQuilkin in 1892.

Robert R. McQuilkin, son of William and Hannah (Alcorn) McQuilkin, was born in 1844, in Washington township, near his present place of abode. In early life he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he has successfully and profitably followed to the present time. He has filled various township offices, among them those of tax collector and school director. He is a Democrat and a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church. Mr. McQuilkin married, March 1, 1870, Mary Jane, daughter of John and Jane (Miller) Reed, of Washington township, and their children are: Harry Miles, of Kansas City, Missouri; William Reed, of Vandergrift, is married and has three children: Clark, Ora and Wade; Robert Miller, of Indiana Harbor, Indiana; F. Robinson, deceased; John Alcorn, of Canal Dover, Ohio; Merty Bell, deceased; Martha Mabel; Tillie R., wife of James H. Walker, and mother of three children: Dora, William Glen and Edna Lois; James L.

JOHN C. STEELE. The paternal great-grandfather of John C. Steel, of Saltsburg, was of Irish birth, and at an early age sought a home among the wilds of Westmoreland county. His son, Joseph Steele, was a man of considerable means and influence, owning a farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres. His wife was Barbara Blystone, who bore him the following children: Samuel, Betsy, David, John, Joseph, James, mentioned hereinafter; and Absalom.

James Steele, son of Joseph and Barbara (Blystone) Steele, was born in Westmoreland county, and became a prosperous farmer in Franklin township. He married Eliza Shaw, also a native of Westmoreland county, and their children were: Mary, Crissman, John C., mentioned hereinafter; Samuel, deceased; Nancy J., wife of W. A. Irwin; and Harriet L. (Mrs. Wilmot).

John C. Steele, son of James and Eliza (Shaw) Steele, was born in 1843, in Franklin township, where he grew up on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools. He early turned his attention to agricultural pursuits,

and is now the owner of a farm of seventy-five acres of good land well underlaid with three veins of bituminous coal which has not yet been disposed of. He operates an opening for his own use and that of any of his neighbors who desire coal for home consumption. This valuable farm was formerly the Buzzard estate and was purchased by Mr. Steele in 1891, and under his skillful management has been rendered productive. The old log house built by the previous owner is in a fair state of preservation. Mr. Steele has served the township of Loyalhanna as school director of an independent district. He is an adherent of the Republican party, and his religious creed is that of the Presbyterian denomination.

Mr. Steele married in 1871, Sarah E. Walton. The marriage is without children, but Mr. and Mrs. Steele have an adopted son, who is now married and has one child. Mrs. Steele is a granddaughter of Samuel Walton, whose son, also Samuel Walton, was born in Washington township, and married — Long, a native of Franklin township, where the following children were born to them: Sophia, deceased; John, deceased; Margaret, Samuel, Sarah E., born in 1842, in Franklin township, wife of John C. Steele; and William H.

HARRY LAMBERT REIGH, a resident of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and who holds the responsible position of conductor on a passenger train of the Pennsylvania Railroad, traces his descent to an honored family of Germany.

Jacob Reigh, father of Harry Lambert Reigh, was born in Germany. He emigrated to America and married at the Cove in Blair county, Margaret Greenawalt, a native of Germany, who died at the age of eighty-six years. Jacob Reigh died at the age of forty-five years. Among their children were: Harry Lambert, of whom later.

Harry Lambert Reigh, son of Jacob and Margaret (Greenawalt) Reigh, was born in Blair county, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1852. He was educated in the public schools of Altoona, and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company when but thirteen years of age, as messenger boy for A. J. Cassat, Esquire. From this lowly position Mr. Reigh has risen, gradually and surely, through the intermediate stations of brakeman on passenger trains and baggage master, to that of conductor on passenger trains, a position which he now fills very acceptably. His faithful attention to the duties of his position and his reliability, have been highly commended. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and affiliates with the Democratic party. He married, September 20, 1874, Carrie Pearl Francis, daughter of Robert and Mary (McDarr) Francis, of Connellsville, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mary (McDarr) Francis is a native of Xenia, Ohio. Children of Harry Lambert and Carrie Pearl (Francis) Reigh, are: 1. Harry Cassatt, born July 24, 1875; is employed at the Westinghouse works at Wilmerding; married Annie Blackburn, of Pittsburgh, and they have one child: Millard. 2. Estella. 3. Leona, married Garth Romig, employed in the Westinghouse works, at Wilmerding, and has two children: Caroline and Ada.

CYRUS MILLER TAYLOR, well known in railroad circles, is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, holding the position of conductor with the company for twenty-five years. He is a representative of a family which has lived in Pennsylvania for a number of generations.

Daniel Taylor, grandfather of Cyrus Miller Taylor, was a farmer of Ligonier township. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a Dem-

ocrat. He married Sarah Jones, born January 30, 1809; died October 10, 1867, and they had thirteen children: 1. Margaret, born January 25, 1828. 2. Mary, January 5, 1830; died January 20, 1852. 3. William, of whom later. 4. Elizabeth, May 2, 1833; died October 28, 1866. 5. Martha, February 19, 1834. 6. Jacob, March 8, 1837; died October 31, 1839. 7. Esther, December 23, 1838. 8. Arabella, March 7, 1840. 9. Joseph, March 15, 1842. 10. David, August 4, 1844; died December 14, 1844. 11. Francis, February 20, 1846. 12. Catherine Peregrine, February 17, 1848; died September 10, 1884. 13. Susan, September 25, 1851.

William Taylor, third child and eldest son of Daniel and Sarah (Jones) Taylor, was born in Ligonier township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1831. He was educated in the public schools of his native township, and then entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for whom he was superintendent of the quarries for a number of years. He is a Republican and has served as county commissioner for Westmoreland county for two terms. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Sarah Wilt, born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1834. She was the daughter of Michael and Susan (Barnt) Wilt, the former a farmer of Somerset county, and they were the parents of twelve children: 1. Caroline. 2. Margaret. 3. David. 4. Isabella. 5. Rachel. 6. Elizabeth. 7. Cyrus. 8. Noah, who died of spotted fever, while serving his country during the civil war. 9. Michael, a soldier of the civil war. 10. Reuben, who died in the service of his country at the battle of Antietam, and whose remains were interred at York, Pennsylvania. 11. Mary. 12. Katharine.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor were: 1. Cyrus Miller, of whom later. 2. William Baxter, born February 24, 1861, was a fireman in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad, and was killed, April 27, 1882, by his own engine backing over him. 3. Mary Caroline, May 27, 1864, married Lewis K. Hawk, an express messenger in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and they have three children: Lewis Taylor, born May 19, 1892; Ross Elizabeth, May 13, 1894; William Henry, April 11, 1897. 4. Frank Morrison, February 26, 1867; died May 7, 1870.

Cyrus Miller Taylor, eldest child of William (2) and Sarah (Wilt) Taylor, was born in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1859. He was educated in the public schools of Millwood, and in the Greensburg Seminary. After leaving school, he sought and obtained employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and has been in their employ for twenty-five years, as previously stated. He is at present a conductor, and has been a most successful one, having never been suspended or fined a single day, for neglect of duty. He takes a great interest in the public affairs of the township and is an ardent Republican. He is a member of the Methodist church. He married, June 26, 1883, Christina Weaver, daughter of Casper and Maria (Messena) Weaver, and they have four children: 1. Willetta May, born May 27, 1884. 2. Charles Hazelton, June 16, 1885. 3. Arthur St. Clair, June 26, 1887. 4. Frank Messena.

HENRY DAVID SHUEY. The ancestors of Henry David Shuey, of Greensburg, were among the pioneers of Westmoreland county. Conrad Shuey, was born in central Pennsylvania, whence he migrated to Greensburg, where he passed the remainder of his life on a large farm. He was one of the garrison of Fort Wheeling and narrowly escaped capture by the Indians. He was an active Whig and a member of the Lutheran church. He and his wife were the parents of three children, two of whom survived: John, of whom

later; and Catharine. This pioneer ancestor, despite the perils and hardships of his lot, lived to the advanced age of eighty-seven.

John Shuey, son of Conrad Shuey, was born in 1792, near Mifflin, Pennsylvania, and soon after his marriage started for the West. Stopping in Westmoreland county, he was so favorably impressed that he decided to take up his abode there, and with that end in view purchased the farm now owned by E. M. Gross, on the Harrison City road, residing there during the remainder of his days. He was a Whig, but in the latter part of his life became a Republican; his church membership was with the Reformed denomination. He married Susanna, daughter of Daniel Bush, and five children were born to them, the eldest of whom was Conrad. See forward. In 1871 Mr. Shuey died, his prosperity having been such that he was able to bequeath a farm to each of his children.

Conrad Shuey, eldest child of John and Susanna (Bush) Shuey, was born April 17, 1814, on his father's farm, two miles south of Harrison City, in Hempfield township. He was educated in the subscription schools and early adopted the life of a farmer. On the occasion of his marriage the farm now owned by his son, Henry David Shuey, was given him, and on this property, situated one mile north of Greensburg, he resided during the greater portion of his life. He was also the owner of another farm in his native township, and about eight years before his death purchased and removed to a residence near town. He was a Republican in politics and in 1834 united with the First Reformed church, remaining a member to the close of his life. He married Maria, daughter of John Holtzer, of Franklin township, and among their ten children were two sons: Henry David, see forward; and Simon P. Mrs. Shuey died and Mr. Shuey subsequently married Sarah C. Braughy. He died May 15, 1893.

Henry David Shuey, son of Conrad and Maria (Holtzer) Shuey, was born June 2, 1853, on the homestead, where he has thus far always lived, and of which he has been for many years the owner. His best energies have been successfully devoted to the tillage of these paternal acres. Mr. Shuey aids with his vote and influence the men and measures advocated and supported by the Republican party, and is a member of the First Reformed church.

Simon P. Shuey, brother of Henry D. Shuey, was associated with him in the management of the home farm during the years of their father's retirement, and for five years after his death. On the division of the property Simon P. Shuey took that part which now constitutes his home farm. He owns another farm of seventy-two acres near the town of Grapeville, Pennsylvania. Like his brother, he is a Republican in politics, and for four years served as supervisor of the township. For the same length of time he has held the office of deacon of the First Reformed church. He married, in March, 1900, Margaret A., daughter of George and Anna M. (Lowman) Dressman, of Hempfield township, and they have one child, Allen G.

WALTER H. FEATHER. The family to which Walter H. Feather, of Scotthaven, belongs was planted in the United States by two brothers, John and Christopher Feather, who came from Germany and settled in West Virginia, where they acquired extensive lands, almost the entire county being owned in later years by their descendants. John Feather was a very influential man in his day, and for many years held the office of justice of the peace. Both he and his brother Christopher reared large families, their descendants multiplied rapidly, and the Feather family became very numerous in West Virginia.

Abraham Feather, son of John Feather, mentioned above, was born in 1818, in Preston county, West Virginia, and with his three sons served in the army during the civil war. In common with the other generations of the Feather family, he was prominent in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Elizabeth Boylon, born in 1818, and three sons were born to them: 1. John, who died in Andersonville prison; 2. Josiah, who also served in the army, receiving a wound by which he was crippled for life, and who now resides in Latrobe. 3. Zaccheus M., of whom later. Few families can show a record of greater devotion to their country in the hour of need than can the Feather family.

Zaccheus M. Feather, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Boylon) Feather, was born in 1845, in Preston county, and while still a youth served with his father and brothers in the Union army. He married Nancy Metzler, also a native of Preston county, whose paternal grandparents emigrated from Germany. Children born to Zaccheus M. and Nancy (Metzler) Feather; 1. Effa, who is the wife of Edward Teets, of Aurora, West Virginia. 2. Walter H., see forward. 3. Anna, who resides with her grandmother, at Albrights, West Virginia. 4. Ona. Mr. Feather, the father, lives in Preston county where he is the owner of extensive lands.

Walter H. Feather, son of Zaccheus M. and Nancy (Metzler) Feather, was born April 16, 1872, in Preston county, where he was educated in the common schools. After taking the preparatory course necessary to fit him for the work of a teacher, he began, at the early age of fifteen, to practice his profession in the district schools. At the end of one term in West Virginia he went to Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the hotel of which his uncle, James I. Feather, was proprietor. The following winter he was a teacher in the old Harper school in Dunbar, and the next summer accepted a position with R. Hogsett, as bookkeeper. Mr. Hogsett was one of the early coal and coke operators of Pennsylvania. When he sold his business to W. J. Rainey, Mr. Feather continued with the new firm and became one of their most trusted men, holding the position of bookkeeper and store manager for several years. He then associated himself with the firm of Bennett & Talbot, having charge of the commissary stores on a million dollar contract. The establishment was one of the largest of its kind in Cumberland, Maryland. Some two years after Mr. Feather became connected with this firm his residence was destroyed by fire and two of his children perished in the flames. This was in June, 1902. He resigned his position and returned to the service of W. J. Rainey & Company with whom he remained one year. He was then offered and immediately accepted the position of store manager for the Shamrock Supply Company, near Uniontown. With this company he remained a number of years, and at the end of that time became store manager at Scotthaven for the Federal Supply Company, which position he has continued to hold to the present time. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Feather married, in 1895, Lavada Holliday, of Newcasttle, Pennsylvania, and they have been the parents of the following children: James I.; Lloyd Darwin; Pearl Viola; and Walter H., junior. The two elder of these children perished in the fire above referred to.

THOMAS C. MARTIN. The grandfather of Thomas C. Martin, of Sewickley township, was Aaron F. Martin, a native of county Antrim, Ireland, who emigrated to the United States and settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, whence he came to Westmoreland county.

John M. Martin, son of Aaron Martin, was born in 1805, probably in

Westmoreland county, where he was reared. He was a farmer and for many years served as a member of the school board. He was a Democrat in politics and served as elder in the United Presbyterian church at West Newton. He married Jane, daughter of Henry and Mary (Campbell) Brenneman. The latter was the daughter of Patrick Campbell, an Irishman of Scotch descent, who came to this country and settled on a farm which has ever since been in the possession of the family and which is now occupied by his great-grandson, Thomas C. Martin. It was on this farm that Jane (Brenneman) Martin was born in 1815, and it was here that she and her husband, on the occasion of their marriage, took up their abode and passed the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom survive: James K., who lives at Malta Bend, Missouri; John C., who is a resident of Prescott, Arizona; Thomas C., see forward; Mary A., married Matthew M. Biggs, of Sedgwick, Kansas; Clary J., who is the wife of Wilford S. Kelley, of Rostraver township; and Belle, resides at home with her brother. Two sons are deceased; Henry B., who lived in Vermillion; and Aaron F., who at the time of his death was city attorney of Atchison, Kansas. Mr. Martin, the father, died on the farm May 8, 1873, after which his widow resided with her son, Thomas C. Martin, until her death, which occurred in 1896.

Thomas C. Martin, son of John M. and Jane (Brenneman) Martin, was born December 11, 1848, on the farm where he now lives. He was educated in the common schools, and after finishing his studies taught for one term in Illinois. With the exception of this one year, spent partly in Iowa and partly in Illinois, his entire life, thus far, has been passed on the homestead, of which he took charge on his return from the West. In 1883 he purchased the Blackburn farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres, and in 1887 the Brenneman farm of thirty-eight acres, about the same time inheriting twenty-five acres of the home farm. For many years he has taken an active part in the councils of the Democratic party. He was nominated for county commissioner and was elected by the largest vote on the ticket. Later he received the nomination for county treasurer, but was defeated, the county having become strongly Republican. He has frequently been a delegate to the state convention, and belongs to the school board, on which he has served nineteen years. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church. He married, October 23, 1895, Catherine, daughter of Morgan Paul, a well-known miller of Rostraver township. Of this marriage there was no issue. The death of Mrs. Martin occurred in 1903.

CYRUS MARKLE, son of Jasper and Mary (Levenger) Markle, was born October 31, 1822, on the farm where he now resides. He is one of three surviving children of a family of eight, the others being: Shephard, a citizen of Sewickley township; Sophia, widow of Joseph Fulton, of Irwin, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandfather, Jasper Markle, of German descent and possibly a native of Germany, on coming to Westmoreland county located at what is now known as Millgrove, bought land of the government, and at his death was the owner of several hundred acres. This was divided among his children, and Jasper Markle, the father of Cyrus, received something more than two hundred acres. Here he spent his life and here he died, August 26, 1880, at the age of ninety years, one month and eighteen days. He was born in Sewickley township. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a consistent Christian.

Cyrus Markle attended the common schools and continued to reside at

home until 1874, when he was allotted his present farm of one hundred and eight acres. He is a cousin of General Joseph Markle, whose family is the subject of an exhaustive sketch elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Markle is a most highly esteemed citizen of the township of Sewickley and is a member and generous supporter of the Presbyterian church. In politics he casts his vote with the Republican party. Mr. Markle has remained unmarried.

**SARVER FAMILY.** The Sarver family emigrated at a very early date to America, being driven from their home in Alsace-Lorraine by religious persecution. Three brothers of this family, with their wives and children, and a number of other refugees, made their way to England and were helped onward to their new home by English Protestants. They settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania, where they found the religious freedom for which they longed, and where they engaged in the peaceful occupation of farming. They belonged to that great middle class of people which has always been the backbone of our country. They neither aspired nor attained to high places in the state, but helped to support the church of their choice, and lived at peace with all men. They were upright, honest and honorable citizens, and possessed the virtues of industry, frugality and contentment with their lot. They were noted for their morality, sobriety and family purity of the colony which they formed. They never amassed great wealth, but by industry and economy attained a competence.

Jonathan Sarver was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and there grew to manhood. About 1785, while still young, he, in company with his father-in-law, —— Shaeffer, crossed the Alleghenies in wagons and settled near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He bought a farm near the present town of Greensburg, at that time known as the Amos Kunkle farm, now owned by George F. Huff, and forming part of the Huff estate. Here he lived and died. He married and reared a large family, one of whom was Jonathan.

Jonathan Sarver, son of Jonathan and —— (Shaeffer) Sarver, was born on the farm of his father, where he grew to manhood. He migrated to Salem township, near Geary, purchased a large tract of land, which he cleared, cultivated and made into a profitable farm, and upon this built a log house and brought his young bride. Here he labored until his death. He married Susanna Klingensmith, daughter of John Philip and Barbara (Broadsword) Klingensmith. She was born and raised on a farm on the present site of the Fort Pitt glass works, near Jeannette, her father being the owner of the land. The Klingensmiths settled in that section at a very early date, before the war of the revolution. Their names were among those who signed a petition to Governor Penn in 1774. On the farm of her grandfather stood a blockhouse known as "Fort Philip Klingensmith," which served as a place of refuge for the surrounding settlers during the numerous hostile attacks of the Indians. During one of these attacks, her grandfather, Philip Klingensmith, and his wife were killed, and her paternal uncle, Peter, who was then a child of five years, was taken captive by the Indians. He was treated with kindness, grew up, married an Indian woman, and reared a family. He had a faint recollection of his early home, and in after life paid a visit to his brothers and sisters, but soon returned to his Indian wife and family. Mrs. Sarver's father, John Philip Klingensmith, was one of the founders of Lutheranism in this section. The itinerant Lutheran preachers always found a warm welcome in his home, and he would leave his farm labors, go about among the neighbors to invite them to a meeting at his house.



and held religious services in the German language. The children of Jonathan (2) and Susanna (Klingensmith) Sarver were: John, Sarah, Mariah, and Jonathan (see forward).

Jonathan Sarver, second son and fourth and youngest child of Jonathan and Susanna (Klingensmith) Sarver, was born in Salem township, near Geary, on the homestead farm, July 12, 1825, and died October 2, 1905. His early years were spent on the farm of his father, and his education was acquired in the common schools of the district. Upon the completion of his education he commenced to teach school during the winter months, assisting his father on the farm during the summer, and continued this until he had attained the age of twenty-five years. At this period he married, and built for himself a log house on a part of his father's farm, and farmed for himself. There he lived for twelve years and then removed to Greensburg, where, soon afterward, he lost the entire savings of his life in the oil fields, and found himself at the age of forty years, with a delicate wife, a family of small children, and without fortune. He immediately set to work with unabated energy to make a comfortable living for those dear to him. He rented and tilled fields on the present site of Greensburg in the summer, and during the winter acted as teamster, until, at the age of sixty years, he had bought the property on Mill street, where he lived the remainder of his days. He purchased eight acres of land one mile out of town, and this he cultivated as a garden. He was a man of remarkable physical strength, and although over eighty years of age at the time of his death, retained complete possession of all his faculties, his eyesight being scarcely dimmed, and his body active and strong. During the last summer of his life he tilled six acres of ground himself. He was a man of intelligence and advanced ideas on all topics of the day, and was well read in politics and religion. He had been educated in the doctrines of the Lutheran church, but abandoned them in favor of those of the Presbyterian church. In politics he was a Democrat for a number of years, but was strongly opposed to slavery and cast his vote for Lincoln, and from that time affiliated with the Republican party. He married, in 1850, Jane Anne Ramsey, who died in 1887. Their children were: John W., Charles R., Enoch T., James W., Jonathan E., Mrs. Anna M. Dunn, Mrs. S. A. Sheffler, and Hettie C., the last named residing at home.

JOHN M. WALTHOUR. No citizen of Greensburg is more popular or more deservedly so than John M. Walthour. His father, Philip Walthour, was born at Manor Station, and at the age of eighteen went to Greensburg where he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in connection with the building business during the remainder of his life. He married Elizabeth McCormick, and of their six children four are now living: Samuel, who lives in Greensburg; John M. (see forward), Mary E., wife of C. T. Barnhart, of Greensburg; and Richard, a resident of McKeesport. Mr. Walthour died at an early age, his death being the result of a cold contracted while assisting to extinguish a fire in the city of Greensburg.

John M. Walthour, son of Philip and Elizabeth (McCormick) Walthour, was born April 23, 1851, in Greensburg, and was but eight or nine years of age at the time of his father's death, after which event the noble exertions of his mother were the maintenance of the family. He obtained his education in the common schools, and in his seventeenth year apprenticed himself to C. H. Stark in order to learn the blacksmith's trade. He found it, however, not to his liking, and after finishing his apprenticeship he took up the trade of a carpenter with R. M. Reed & Company. He served his time and has ever since

been connected with planing-mill work. For the last fourteen years he has had charge of the planing mill of J. Covode Reed.

Mr. Walthour has been for a long period identified with the fire department of Ludwick. Prior to the organization of that body he served for many years as a member of the Greensburg fire company, of which he is now a veteran. When the fire department of Ludwick was organized Mr. Walthour was elected chief, and has now held the office seven years. In 1904 he won the *Tribune* contest for the most popular fireman, and was sent to the St. Louis exposition. In 1902 he was elected burgess of the borough of Ludwick and served three years. Since 1903 he has been a member of the borough council. He belongs to Americus Lodge and to the Carpenters' Union. Politically he is a Democrat. He married, at the age of nineteen, Elizabeth Keifer, by whom he had one child; Catherine, wife of Philip Baldrich, of McKeesport. After the death of his wife he married Clara Conner, by whom he had three children, two of whom are living: James Richard, attending high school; and John Covode, who is a pupil in the public school. On being left for the second time a widower Mr. Walthour married Elizabeth Caldwell and they have two children; Laura and Mary.

**ELIAS HACKEY SILVIS.** Among the substantial farmers of Hempfield township must be numbered Elias Hackey Silvis. Mr. Silvis comes of English and German ancestry. His grandfather, Adam Silvis, was a wagonmaker and followed his trade at Delmont for many years. His wife was Elizabeth Long.

Hezekiah J. Silvis, son of Adam and Elizabeth (Long) Silvis, was born in Westmoreland county and learned the trade of a cabinetmaker and painter which he followed all his life, being a resident of Murrysville and Export, Franklin township. He married Lucinda Amment, and they were the parents of six children, four of whom survive: Elizabeth, widow of August Gockel, late of Hufftown; Margaret A., wife of William Wallace, of Apollo; Elias Hackey (see forward); and Mary J., wife of Jacob Amment, of Export. Mr. Silvis died at the age of sixty-seven.

Elias Hackey Silvis, son of Hezekiah J. and Lucinda (Amment) Silvis, was born February 27, 1849, in Franklin township, and obtained his education in the common schools of Export. On reaching manhood he decided to devote himself to agricultural pursuits, and for some years lived as a renter in Franklin. He then moved to Penn township where he was a renter for four years, and at the end of that time went to Hempfield where he rented the farm adjoining the one on which he now lies. This farm he cultivated for sixteen years, and about 1893 purchased a portion of his present property to which he removed in 1899. Three years after he bought the adjoining piece of land, thus giving himself a farm of sixty-two acres. In 1904 he built a substantial farm residence with modern improvements, and now has one of the most attractive homes in the township. Mr. Silvis is a good citizen and has frequently served on the election board, but has always steadily refused to be a candidate for office. He and his sons are all staunch Democrats, and the whole family are members of the First Reformed church, of Greensburg. He married, in 1873, Jeannette S., daughter of John P. Kemerer, a prominent farmer of Export, Franklin township, and the following children have been born to them: Alice M., wife of Murray Walthour, of Hempfield township; William Wilbur, lives at home; Lemuel Offut, a resident of Hempfield township; John Hezekiah; Isaac Ralph; Lucinda Lydia; and Frank Clopper. The four last-named members of the family are at home with their parents.

JACOB HENRY SILVIS, a prosperous farmer of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born August 18, 1875, the son of John and Lucy (Long) Silvis. John Silvis was born March 20, 1843, and has long been a resident of Hempfield township. He married Lucy Long, daughter of H. J. Long, born in 1853; died February 10, 1885. Their children were: Annie, born May 8, 1873; married, December, 1896, Oscar J. Fink; Jacob Henry (see forward), and Ada E., born November 2, 1883.

Jacob H. Silvis was born on his father's farm. He purchased the farm on which he now resides in 1899, which comprises seventy-one acres of excellent fertile land, and which is highly cultivated. He makes a specialty of butter-making, and has met with excellent success in this line. He always keeps ten cows—sometimes more—and uses a cream separator of the most approved construction. He is a public-spirited citizen, and has served his township as tax collector, and is now acting as town clerk, his term of office being two years. February 4, 1897, Mr. Silvis was married to Anna M. McIlvaine, born March 19, 1874, daughter of John P. and Alida (Marshall) McIlvaine, the latter the daughter of Samuel Marshall. Children were: Mabel L., born December 19, 1897; John Marshall, born April 10, 1899; Elsie V., February 23, 1901; Anna M., July 9, 1902; and Charlie L., January 9, 1904.

Jacob Silvis's uncle, George Decker, served in the United States army during the war with Mexico, and it is said that he was a member of the Second Pennsylvania Regiment.

PAUL HENRY, a farmer of Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born March 22, 1845, son of Henry and Lavina (Smith) Henry, and grandson of Henry Henry, who was born in 1809, and died December, 1889. Henry Henry, father of Paul Henry, married Lavina, daughter of David Smith, and their children are: Caroline, born May 12, 1839; married September, 1865, to S. M. Fink, of Beaver Run, Pennsylvania; Kate, married C. Amalong; and Paul (see forward).

Paul Henry was reared on his father's farm. He married Sue C., daughter of John Michael Fink. Children are: 1. John B. F., born September 16, 1868; married September 3, 1895. 2. William F., born April 15, 1870. 3. Rebecca A., born September 23, 1872; died February 9, 1873. 4. Clara May, born December 4, 1874; died December 19, 1877. 5. Elizabeth L., born February 28, 1876; married M. McKeown. 6. Joseph R., born August 26, 1878; died February 2, 1889. 7. Margaret E., born November 26, 1881; married Elmer Steel.

THOMAS FRANKLIN WOLF. On the maternal side the family of Wolf trace their ancestry back to the year 1550, the earliest known ancestor having been Jan de Voss, a burgomaster at Handshooten, in Flandern, who married Prientje Batten.

Peter de Voss, fourth son of Jan and Prientje (Batten) de Voss, married Jannsick Van der Mers, and shortly afterward they had to flee to Colchester, England, on account of religious troubles. Here he and his wife forsook Catholicism and joined the Reformed church. Later they removed to Amsterdam, Holland, and joined the Mennonite church there. The date of birth of their second child (the only date obtainable) was August 23, 1622. A daughter, Sarah de Voss, became the wife of Pieter Van Sintern in 1655. The fifth child of this marriage, Isaac Van Sintern, born September 4, 1660, married, at Amsterdam, Neeltje Classen. They left Hamburg, Altona, in 1707,

for Pennsylvania, and settled at Germantown, where the oldest daughter, Magdalena, became the wife of Martin Kolb in 1709.

Martin Kolb, before mentioned, was a son of Dielman Kolb, of Wolfshheim, in Baden, Germany, whose widow, a daughter of Peter Schumacher, came to this country with her father in 1685, landing at Philadelphia and proceeding to Germantown. The original "Copia Naturalisationis" given by William Penn, by which Peter Schumacher and sixty-one others were made "freemen," and accorded all the rights and privileges thereof, is still extant, preserved by one of the descendants. Martin Kolb came to America and settled at Germantown in 1707, and two years later removed to Skippack and was there ordained a minister in the Mennonite church.

Dilman Kolb, son of Martin and Magdalena (Van Sintern) Kolb, was born March 2, 1719, died October 19, 1799. He married Wilhelmina Rittenhouse, daughter of Henry Rittenhouse, of Worcester, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and great-granddaughter of Willem Rittenhouse, the first minister and bishop of the Mennonite Church in America. Esther Kolb, daughter of Dillman and Wilhelmina (Rittenhouse) Kolb, became the wife of Samuel Funk, son of the Rev. Jacob Funk, a Mennonite preacher of Germantown, the ceremony being performed April 29, 1788. Their daughter, Eleanor Funk, born about 1807, became the wife of John G. Wolf, a resident of Philadelphia. She died in 1887.

John G. Wolf, before mentioned, married Eleanor Funk. Children were: 1. Daniel Funk, born July 1, 1831; married Margaret Seelig; resides in Philadelphia. 2. Theodore William, born September 7, 1833; married Elizabeth Justice, who died in 1881. In 1886 he married Laura Curran, and they reside in Philadelphia. 3. Eleanora Louisa, born February 21, 1835, became the wife of William Ayers, of Philadelphia. 4. John Franklin, born January 23, 1837 (see forward). 5. Davis Paul, born January 26, 1839; died December 26, 1886. 6. Elizabeth Catherine, born February, 1842, became the wife of James W. McIlhenny. 7. Jacob Henry, born July 12, 1845, married Ellen E. Wallace, resides in Philadelphia. 8. Sarah Cecelia, born December 19, 1847. 9. George Washington, born March, 1849.

John Franklin Wolf, born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1837; married September 24, 1857, Jane Martin. Children were: 1. Thomas Franklin, born July 14, 1858. 2. Agnes Virginia, born February 3, 1861. 3. John Martin Vicksburg, born July 4, 1863; died December 12, 1881. 4. Margaret James; died February 22, 1867. Jane (Martin) Wolf, the mother of these children, died February 22, 1867. Mr. Wolf married, September 18, 1873, Priscilla Murry Irwin, who died March 10, 1883, without issue. He married, November 8, 1884, Elizabeth Kooser, issue: Emeline Kooser, born August 25 1885.

J. MICHAEL MATHIAS, a foreman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was born near Madison, Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1852, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Kunkle) Mathias.

Michael Mathias (grandfather), was also a native of Westmoreland county, born about 1779. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Hempfield township, where he cleared and cultivated a farm. His children were: Jacob; George; Michael (see forward); Susan, wife of Jacob Albright; Hannah, wife of John Long; Sarah, wife of John Colter; and Maria, wife of Leonard Beck.

Michael Mathias (father) was born in Hempfield township, near Madi-

son, in 1822. He lived there all his life, giving his attention to farming and distilling. Later he gave up distilling and gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and in religious faith a member of the Lutheran church. He married Elizabeth Kunkle, and seven children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy. The living are: Urias, a carpenter, of West Newton; Mary Rebecca, wife of John Lostetter; J. Michael (see forward); Catherine, wife of Eli Weaver; William, died in childhood. Michael, the father, died in 1863.

J. Michael Mathias acquired a good common school education, and at the age of sixteen commenced to earn his own living, engaging in farm work. Two years later he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad as a laborer, and his faithful and efficient work won for him a promotion in 1880 to foreman, a position which he has since retained, and in which he renders highly acceptable services. Politically he accords with the principles advanced by the Democratic party, and served for six years as a school director. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 885, of Scottdale, in which he has passed all the chairs. He married Jane Kelly, daughter of James and Christina Kelly. Of this union one child was born: Katie May, born January 25, 1875, wife of Frederick Moser, of Scottdale, and has one child, Goldie M., born October 14, 1898.

ALBERT J. CARSON, a well known and highly respected citizen of Vandergrift, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is a roller in the Vandergrift mills of the American Sheet Steel and Tin Plate Company. The Carson family has been resident in Pennsylvania for many generations.

(I) John Carson, grandfather of Albert J. Carson, lived on a farm near Homer City, Indiana county, Pennsylvania. He was a cooper by trade and he followed this occupation during the active years of his life. He married Elizabeth Steele and they were the parents of seven children, three of whom are now living. John Carson died at the age of seventy; his wife died at the age of ninety-three years. The names of the children are as follows: Mary, John, James, William, Letitia, Robert, Thomas. Of these John, Robert and William are now living.

(II) Robert P. Carson, fourth son and sixth child of John and Elizabeth (Steele) Carson, was born on the farm of his father near Homer City, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1832, and brought up at home. He was apprenticed to the trade of shoemaking, and after finishing his apprenticeship located himself in Homer City where he has since devoted himself to the trade he had learned. He is a staunch adherent to the Republican party, and a man highly respected by the entire community. He married Mary C. Foust, born in Brush Valley, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, in 1843, daughter of Jesse and Maria (Grunling) Foust. When Mrs. Carson was but thirteen months old, her father, Jesse Foust, died, and Mrs. Carson was taken in charge and reared by an aunt, Mrs. Catherine Myers, of Homer City. The children of Robert P. and Mary C. (Foust) Carson are as follows: Albert J., see forward. Catherine E., wife of R. E. Roberts, of Homer City, Pennsylvania; John M., superintendent of the Incubator works at Homer City, Pennsylvania; Loie E., wife of Perry Phillips, of Vandergrift, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; Anna A., wife of John F. Barclay, of Vandergrift, Pennsylvania; Edgar D., resides in Wellsville, Ohio; Gertrude, married Bruce Cramer, of Cramer, Pennsylvania; George H., resides in Vandergrift, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; Stella, wife of Harry Truzell, resident in Homer City, Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

(III) Albert J. Carson, eldest child of Robert P. and Mary C. (Foust) Carson, was born in Homer City, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1861. He spent the early years of his life at home with his parents, acquiring a good education in the public schools of the neighborhood. Upon attaining the years of manhood he went to Apollo, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1881, and secured a position in the mills of the Apollo Iron and Steel Company in the capacity of doubler. Here he remained for some time and was then advanced to the position of pair heater. He was very attentive to all the details of his work, and his ambition met with the reward it deserved, for he was again advanced, this time to the position of sheet heater, and in 1896 was made sheet roller. This position he has retained up to the present time (1906), and upon the opening of the new mills at Vandergrift was transferred to that place and was one of the first rollers to assist in the operation of the new mills. His services are highly appreciated and valued by the company as they know they can rely implicitly upon his faithful attention to all the duties which his position entails. Mr. Carson is a man of much local influence. His well known integrity and the uprightness and straightforwardness of his character make his opinion sought and valued by all the community in which he lives. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and has held a number of public offices. He has been county committeeman and served three years as a member of the Apollo borough council, and two years on the borough council of Vandergrift. He and his family are members of and regular attendants at the Presbyterian church. He is also a member of the following organizations: Kiskiminetas Lodge, No. 617, Free and Accepted Masons; Duquesne Chapter, No. 193, Royal Arch Masons; and Vandergrift Lodge, No. 502, Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Carson married, November 4, 1884, Nora W. Young, of Apollo, daughter of Lucian H. and Mathilda A. (Mahaffee) Young. Mr. and Mrs. Carson have two children: Mary Corinne and Naomi Maxinne.

JOHN R. ANDERSON, a machinist in the employ of the Scottdale Foundry & Machine Company, Scottdale, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born at Pollockshaws, Scotland, February 3, 1871, the son of John and Agnes Anderson.

Mr. Anderson emigrated to this country in 1892, settling in New Haven, Connecticut, where he remained but a short time, being engaged at his trade of machinist. He then removed to Scottdale and there identified himself as machinist with the firm of T. C. Kenney & Company. The firm name was subsequently changed to the Scottdale Foundry & Machine Company. Mr. Anderson still retains his connection with this company, and being a very proficient and skillful workman renders them valuable services. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, of Scottdale, in which he has passed all the chairs; and is also a charter member of the K. of M., No. 121, of Scottdale. Mr. Anderson married Charlotte Thomas, daughter of John W. and Mary Thomas, and their children were: Mary Agnes, born February 12, 1895; Grace Irene, April 1, 1896; John George, October, 1897, and Eugene Lyle, February 26, 1901. Mr. Anderson and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Scottdale.

WOSLEY MOSER, train dispatcher for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, residing at Youngwood, is of Swiss lineage, the family having been established in America by his grandfather, John Moser, a native of Switzerland, who with his family came to the United States, settling on a farm near

Hannibal, Ohio, where he spent his remaining days. His son, John Moser, Jr., was also born in Switzerland and was about twelve or fifteen years of age when he came with his parents to the new world. He was reared upon the Ohio farm until seventeen years of age, when he enlisted in the Union army. Just before the outbreak of hostilities he went to West Virginia and joined a regiment of that locality, serving for three years. At the end of that time he was discharged on account of disability, being ill with fever from which he suffered for six months. After being mustered out of the service he returned to West Virginia, where he has since been connected with the sawmill and lumber business, his home being now at New Martinsville. In politics he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Mary Van Camp, and they have five children: Lydia, at home; Mary L., a teacher in the business college at Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Frederick O., yardmaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Scottdale, Westmoreland county; John at home; and Wosley, see forward.

Wosley Moser was born in Wetzel county, West Virginia, June 5, 1868, and was educated in the public schools, completing his studies in the Magnolia high school at New Martinsville, West Virginia. In 1888 he began the study of telegraphy and in July, 1889, was given an office on the Ohio River railroad, at Clifton, West Virginia. On February 4, 1890, he went to Scottdale, Pennsylvania, where he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for seven years; he then removed to Pittsburg, where he served the same corporation for a year and a half. He was promoted to train dispatcher in July, 1900, and was located at Everson, but in the following February the offices were removed to Youngwood, where he has since been stationed. Mr. Moser married, November 24, 1889, Mary Pickens, of Williamstown, West Virginia, and they have two children, Floyd and Leslie. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Youngwood, and Mr. Moser belongs to Youngwood Lodge, No. 667, I. O. O. F.; and Woodland Lodge, No. 210, K. P., of Youngwood. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations and is now serving on the school board in Youngwood, while in community affairs he manifests a public-spirited interest.

**HARRY T. HENRY.** The grandparents of Harry T. Henry, of Vandergrift, were Alexander and Mary Henry, whose son, William Henry, was born June 8, 1841, in Apollo, where he learned the trade of a stone and brick mason. Subsequently he was employed in the shops of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company, in Apollo, and six years prior to his death moved to Leechburg, where he worked in the mills during the remainder of his life. During the civil war he served three years in Company I, Seventy-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was afterward a member of the G. A. R. He was of high standing in the Masonic fraternity, was a Republican in politics, an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and one of the highly esteemed and influential citizens of Armstrong county. Mr. Henry married Mary Truby, and of their four children three survive: Bertha, wife of Charles Morford, of Windber, Pennsylvania; Ada, wife of William Fennell, of Salina, Pennsylvania; and Harry T., see forward. Mr. Henry died in 1882 and his widow is a resident of Vandergrift.

Harry T. Henry, son of William and Mary (Truby) Henry, was born January 23, 1866, in Apollo, and received a common school education. In June, 1882, he went to work in the shops of the Apollo Iron & Steel Company, beginning at the bottom, as scrap boy, and working his way up through the

positions of opener, doubler, matcher and rougher, until in 1889 he was made roller. On the completion of the Vandergrift mills he was transferred thither, and had the honor of rolling the first iron rolled in the mills. He has since retained this position continuously, having charge of one of the large mills. He is one of the leading skilled rollers of the valley and a representative citizen of Vandergrift. While a resident of Apollo he held the office of councilman, and is now serving on the school board of Vandergrift. He affiliates with the Apollo Lodge, No. 386, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, votes with the Republicans and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Henry married in 1890, Lydia E. Horne, of Apollo, and they have children: Mary, Gertrude, Harry T., Jr., Joseph, and Theodore.

JAMES WILLIAM LANDYMORE, engineer on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, is a native of England, born in the county of Norfolk, in 1842, son of John S. and Mary (Woods) Landymore, one of nine children, five of whom emigrated to America, settling in Canada, with the exception of one, Jonathan.

The paternal grandfather, Jonathan Landymore, was a farmer and brick manufacturer, living at Sustead, England. He died at the age of ninety-two years. He had a family of three sons and one daughter: Jonathan S., William B., and Isaac, the daughter's name not known. His son, Jonathan S., the father of James W., was also a farmer and an extensive brick manufacturer, operating a large brick yard. He died at the age of sixty-five years. His wife is still living, a resident of Edingthorp, North Walsham, England, being at the advanced age of eighty-six years. The maternal grandfather, James Woods, was a farmer and harnessmaker, a resident of the town of Thagerton, England, where he died in 1886. He was the father of four children: Mary, Christopher, Robert and James W., a veteran of the Crimean war.

James W. Landymore was one of the five sons of John S. Landymore who came to America, the others being: Augustus, an extensive ranchman of California; Charles A., a resident of Dallas, Texas; William B., a resident of Toronto; Jonathan, an engine watchman for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, resides in West Newton.

James W. Landymore was reared in his native place and was educated in the common schools. After leaving school he was articled for five years to study law in the office of Walter J. Scott, but his distaste for the law was so great that he ran away at the end of two years and went to Leeds, England, and secured work as an engine wiper for the Great Northern railroad, gradually advancing to the position of fireman and then engineman. In 1878 he emigrated to Canada, locating at Richmond Hill, Ontario, where he found employment in an agricultural works. At the end of four years, in 1882, he came to the United States and settled in West Newton, where he secured employment in the Markle paper mills. In 1885 he went to work as fireman on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad, receiving promotion to the position of engineer in 1887 and has since been thus engaged by this road. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and of the Knights of Malta. Politically he is an independent voter. Mr. Landymore married, April 17, 1875, Sarah Ward, a daughter of Thomas and Emma (Newell) Ward, natives of Yorkshire, England. Of this marriage were born ten children, nine of whom survive: Herbert N., a telegraph operator, of West Newton; William W., an engineer for the Pittsburg and Lake Erie



railroad; Beatrice M., resides at home; Alice E., also living at home; Minnie F., at home; Jonathan Thomas, at home; Charles Amos, at home; James W., deceased; Jessie L., at home; Harry R., at home. The members of the family belong to the Presbyterian church and hold a prominent social position in the town.

HERBERT ELVIDGE FRANKLIN, son of John and Sarah (Sails) Franklin, was born February 24, 1835, in Nottinghamshire, England, one of nine children. His father was born in Nottinghamshire and his mother was born in Dublin Barracks, Dublin, Ireland; her father was a member of the Scottish Highlanders and was stationed in the Dublin Barracks at the time of her birth. Jonathan Franklin learned the trade of weaving and followed it in England until 1834, when he emigrated to this country, settling in Philadelphia, and continued to follow that trade until his death at the age of seventy-four years.

Herbert E. Franklin was eight years of age when his parents came to America and he was reared and attended the common schools in Philadelphia. As early as his ninth years he worked in the mills as a bobbin winder, continuing until he had served his apprenticeship for an expert weaver, at which he was employed until his nineteenth year, with the exception of one year that he spent in the eastern part of Maryland. At nineteen years he began to serve an apprenticeship as a plasterer, but his employer went out of business and Herbert E. embarked on board a whaling vessel and for three years followed a sea-faring life. He sailed around the world, touching at most of the great sea-ports, and acquired an education such as can be gained only by wide travel. About 1870 he went to Pittsburg, but after a few months there removed to Green county, remaining there one year, then went to Allegheny City, where he remained but a short time, next locating at Southton, where he stayed until 1876. He then settled in Sutersville, where he has since resided. Mr. Franklin married Jane Dalzell, of Philadelphia, in 1869. Five children were born of this marriage. In politics Mr. Franklin's sympathies are Republican, and he served one term on the school board although he has never been an office-seeker. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church, and a member of the Sons of Temperance, also having passed through all of the chairs. He is one of the most highly esteemed men of that section of the county and wins the respect and admiration of all who come into contact with him. He served three years in the Civil war and was captured at Gettysburg, spending two months as a prisoner on Belle Island. With him were his brothers Henry and Frank, the latter of whom, while acting sergeant major, was severely wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor.

JOHN G. BECKER, of New Kensington, is the son of Conrad and Elizabeth Becker, and was born January 27, 1867, in Germany, where he received his education in the common schools. In 1883 he emigrated to the United States, settling in Pittsburg, where he learned the baker's business with Samuel Beltz, of South Side, and in 1886 opened a bakery for himself on Penn avenue, where he remained four years and a half. He then moved to New Kensington, where he purchased one of the first lots sold in the town, erecting thereon a fine building in which he conducted a bakery, restaurant and confectionery until August 14, 1900, when he sold out to his brother. January 1, 1901, he purchased the New Kensington opera house, in which he made extensive improvements and of which he has been general manager

ever since. He is a charter member of Lodge No. 1121, Modern Woodmen of America, and belongs to the First English Lutheran church.

Mr. Becker married Lena Horne, a native of Germany, and their children are: August H., Elenora, Tillie, Carl, Josephine, George and Edward.

**KENNETH COOPER.** John Thomas Cooper, father of Kenneth Cooper, of New Kensington, was born in 1829, in Ireland, and when but eight years of age was brought to this country by his parents, Charles and Margaret Cooper. They settled for a short time near Scranton, Pennsylvania, and later took up their abode on a farm at Parker, Armstrong county, where they remained some years. Charles Cooper died at the great age of ninety-three.

John Thomas Cooper, son of Charles and Margaret Cooper, was engaged during the greater part of his life in the oil business. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church. He married Sarah Bailey, and they had the following children: Albert, farmer of Armstrong county; Mary Elizabeth, wife of Franklin Ottinger; Thomas, druggist of Allegheny; Margaret, wife of C. E. Harrington, of Kittanning, Pennsylvania; Charles, on the old homestead; Hope B., superintendent of a coal mine at Rennersburg, Pennsylvania; Kenneth, mentioned hereinafter; and Catharine, unmarried. The father of the family died at the comparatively early age of fifty-four.

Kenneth Cooper, son of John Thomas and Sarah (Bailey) Cooper, was born November 4, 1880, in Parker, Pennsylvania, and received his education in the common schools. At the age of eighteen he became clerk for F. M. Curtis & Company, of New Kensington, with whom he remained four years, and in 1902 purchased a half interest in the grocery business of A. W. Crawford. This business he has successfully conducted down to the present time under the firm name of Cooper and King. Mr. Cooper married Henrietta V., daughter of S. H. and Agnes Morrow, and they are the parents of one child: Sarah Belle Cooper.

**ABRAHAM OVERHOLT FRETTS**, one of the most prominent and prosperous business men of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, largely engaged in leasing and speculating in coal and oil lands, is one of the most enterprising men of this section. He is a representative of an honored family of Pennsylvania.

Henry Fretts, father of Abraham Overholt Fretts, was considered one of the leading farmers in Huntingdon township in his day, and was a well-known member of the United Brethren church. He was a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He married (first) Diana Myers, of Mount Pleasant township, and they had children: Emma, who died at the age of nine years; Abraham Overholt, of whom later; Lydia, married Martin B. Hough. Henry Fretts married (second) Mrs. Elizabeth Fretts, widow of Henry Fretts, and they had one child: Mary, who married ——— Comp.

Abraham Overholt Fretts, son of Henry and Diana (Myers) Fretts, was born in East Huntingdon township, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1850. He was educated in the public schools of his district and at the Mount Pleasant Academy. His first business venture was in the mercantile line, in Mount Pleasant, and he later became the proprietor of the National Hotel in the same place. In addition to his hotel business he conducted a livery stable, which was a profitable undertaking. He removed to Bradford, McKean county, Pennsylvania, in 1878, and there commenced the operation of oil wells, completing

his first well in the same year. He left Bradford at the end of three years and removed to Greensburg, where he determined to make his permanent home, and where he has resided since that time. He has engaged very extensively in leasing and speculating in the coal and oil fields, and has been remarkably successful. He is thoroughly well-posted in his particular field of industry, and has the happy faculty of being able to take advantage of every opportunity as soon as it presents itself. He has a large circle of friends, and is highly respected in the business as well as the social world. He is a member of the Baptist church of Mount Pleasant, and his political affiliations are Republican. He married Mazie Reamer, daughter of Philip and Katherine (McMasters) Reamer, of Mount Pleasant, and they had two children: William, who died in infancy; and Ethel Kirk, who married J. Edwin Gatchel, of New York City, and has one child: Katherine Kirk.

JOHN WILLIAM McFADYEN, an attorney-at-law of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was born October 10, 1876, the son of John and Mary A. Rush McFadyen. His father, John McFadyen, emigrated to this country from Scotland at the age of seven years, and his father and mother, John W. McFadyen's grandparents, were natives of Monaghan county, Ireland, and came to this country at a very early day.

John W. McFadyen received his English education at St. Vincent's college, of which institution he is a graduate. With the idea in view of becoming a legal practitioner, he entered into the study of law, and November 3, 1900, at the age of twenty-four, he was admitted to the bar at Greensburg, and two years later, November 3, 1902, was admitted to the superior court, and to the superior court of Pennsylvania, April 20, 1903. He later became a member of the United States district court, and also the circuit court. On the same day he commenced practice in Greensburg, and later removed his office to Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he is still engaged in his profession. The remarkable industry that has thus far characterized Mr. McFadyen's work, together with his unceasing diligence and studious habits, bid fair to win for him an enviable place in the ranks of his profession.

November 25, 1903, Mr. McFadyen married Mary Gertrude Kuhn, who was born September, 1879, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, the daughter of George C. B. and Mary Catherine (Tipp) Kuhn. One child was born to them, John William, December 9, 1904.

HON. GEORGE RHEY. A man who, by his sterling worth of character and estimable qualities of mind and heart, has the power of winning to himself friends, is never forgotten by those who have had the privilege of knowing him personally. Such a man was the late Honorable George Rhey, of Willwood, of which place his paternal ancestors were old settlers, their venerable stone dwelling having stood for more than eighty-five years on land which has been long in the possession of the family.

John Rhey, father of Hon. George Rhey, married Catherine Beamer, and their children were: James, born April 23, 1811; Nancy, born October 24, 1812; Mathias, born September 28, 1814; Catherine, born November 18, 1816; George, of whom later; Susan, born April 25, 1822; Mary E., born December 22, 1824; Elizabeth, born April 15, 1827; John, born May 18, 1829; and Christian, born July 15, 1831. All these children with the exception of the youngest are now deceased.

George Rhey, son of John and Catherine (Beamer) Rhey, was born January 26, 1819, and received a college education. After completing his

studies he read law for a considerable period, but was finally forced to abandon it on account of his health. He then engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Pittsburg, where he remained a number of years. During the latter part of his life he was in the iron business in Johnstown. In the course of time he became by inheritance the owner of the homestead in Millwood. He took an active part in public affairs, was elected to the legislature, and served with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Rhey married, April 25, 1878, Margaret A. Flanigan, and they were the parents of one son and three daughters: Paul, born September 18, 1879, deceased; Mary E., born October 16, 1881, wife of George B. Phillippi, and the mother of one child, George R.; Susan T., born November 22, 1884, married Owen E. Jones, of New York City; and Catherine, born October 14, 1887, deceased. The death of Mr. Rhey occurred March 7, 1888, and while an irreparable loss to his family, was felt by the entire community as a personal bereavement. He was a man who numbered his friends by the hundred and inspired in all who knew him sentiments of affection and esteem. His widow resides in the old stone house on the homestead in Millwood.

Mrs. Rhey is a daughter of John and Ann (Nevin) Flanigan, whose children were: Margaret A., born March 24, 1854, became the wife of George Rhey, as mentioned above; Thomas, born February 13, 1856, deceased; Mary, born May 5, 1857; John, born June 14, 1859, deceased; James, born February 4, 1862, deceased; Thomas, born January 25, 1865; and John, born March 19, 1868. This family has contributed by its two surviving sons toward maintaining the standard of good citizenship.

**HUGH C. McKEAN.** The grandfather of Hugh C. McKean, of Leechburg, was William McKean, a native of Ireland, who migrated to the United States and was one of the original settlers of Allegheny township. He was a prosperous farmer in his day, owning one hundred and forty acres of land. He was the father of six sons: Robert, of whom later; Lingey, Hugh, Thomas, Cavitt, and John.

Robert McKean, son of William McKean, was born in 1801, on the Allegheny river, and was engaged in the construction of the Pennsylvania canal, and after its completion purchased ninety-four acres of land. He married Nancy McKiverson, a native of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and their children were: William, deceased; James; Hugh C., of whom later; Susan, deceased; Elizabeth; Frances; and Robert, deceased. Mr. McKean, the father, was a man who was universally liked. He died in 1888, at the advanced age of eighty-seven.

Hugh C. McKean, son of Robert and Nancy (McKiverson) McKean, was born in 1833, on his father's farm, of which he is now the owner. He was reared and educated in his native township, and his early life was spent on the Allegheny river, acting as steamboat pilot, which responsible position he held for thirty-seven years. In 1850 he moved to his present farm of ninety-six acres, which originally formed part of his father's property, but continued to act as pilot until 1875, when he retired from the river. Since that time he has devoted himself wholly to agricultural pursuits. His buildings are of modern construction and were erected by himself. He has held the office of school director for several terms. Mr. McKean married in 1861, Mary E. McGeary, and their children were: William, deceased; Agnes, Walter, Fannie, Hugh, Maggie, Theresa, Robert, and three who died in infancy.

ALEXANDER WILLSON, of Pittsburg, a member of the Willson Bros. Lumber Company, was born January 14, 1868, in West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a son of Andrew Patterson and Lavenia (Cunningham) Willson, and a representative of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

The early years of the life of Alexander Willson were spent on his father's farm, and his education was acquired in the public school of Westmoreland county, West Newton high school, and Rochester Business University, from which he was graduated. On the completion of his school days he went to Philadelphia and entered the employ of George Watson & Son, building contractors, as a bookkeeper. In 1889 he went to Kansas and was engaged with the Union Mortgage & Trust Company, of Marion, as an examiner of lands, remaining for a period of three years. The following three years he was in the employ of the Ash Grove White Lime Association, of Kansas City, and during a portion of the time was employed at the heading and stave plant of this association at Black Rock, Arkansas. He then entered the service of E. V. Babcock & Company, in May, 1896, as an office man, in which capacity he remained for about one and a half years.

January 1, 1898, Alexander Willson and his elder brother, Frank Elliott Willson, organized the firm of Willson Bros., and entered the jobbing lumber trade in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, which is one of the greatest manufacturing centers of the country and its wealth has been contributed to largely by the mines and forests. Situated as it is near the western border of the Keystone state it is the center of supply for a wide territory. In the earlier days little lumber was handled in that market except white pine, hemlock and hardwoods, but today yellow pine, of both the shortleaf and longleaf varieties, and of more recent date the products of the Pacific coast have figured in the consuming trade. The resources of the brothers were very moderate indeed, but they had confidence in their ability to carve out success in their enterprise, and most fully has their confidence been justified. During the first business year of the firm it handled about four hundred cars of lumber, a total in dollars and cents of a little more than \$100,000. The business has grown steadily year by year until today they conduct a business of more than \$1,000,000 annually. The company's handlings of lumber embrace the entire range of building woods. It is an important factor in hemlock, white pine, longleaf yellow pine, poplar and spruce, and it is practically the pioneer institution in Pittsburg to develop a trade for North Carolina pine in that district.

In 1902 the firm bought a large interest in the Major & Loomis Company, of Hertford, North Carolina, on the line of the Norfolk & Southern railroad. This company has a completely equipped band sawmill, dry kilns and planing mill, with a capacity of twelve million feet annually, and they also have North Carolina pine timber holdings sufficient to continue the enterprise for at least ten years. Of this company Alexander Willson is vice-president and a director. During the same year the Willson Bros. purchased an important interest in the Conway Lumber Company, of Conway, South Carolina. This company has timber holdings aggregating one hundred million feet of shortleaf pine and a complete band mill, dry kilns and planing mill equipment. Frank Elliott Willson is the vice-president and a director in this company. In 1903, through a business connection formed with the Willson Brothers, who constituted the Willson Lumber Company, of Elkins, West Virginia, Willson Bros. purchased a tract of twelve thousand acres of spruce, hemlock and hardwood timber lands at Wildell, West Virginia, on the line of the coal and iron division of the West Virginia Central & Pittsburg railroad. During

the same year this timber land interest was organized into the Wildell Lumber Company with a paid up capital of \$150,000. The following year a modern band and resaw saw mill was built, as well as a planing mill, with a daily capacity of seventy-five thousand feet. The business of Willson Bros. was continued as a copartnership until December 31, 1904, when it was incorporated under the name of the Willson Bros. Lumber Company. Frank E. Willson became president of the new company and Alexander Willson the secretary and treasurer. The capital of the company is \$150,000, which is fully paid in, practically all of the stock being held by the two brothers. Another enterprise owned by the company is the Willson Bros. Lumber Company, of Huntley, Cameron county, Pennsylvania, which is a hemlock and white pine operation with a capacity of about ten million feet annually. The company is the sales agent of all these enterprises, every one of which is a successful and prosperous institution. Their business is conducted in a handsome suite of offices in the Farmers Bank building, Pittsburg.

Alexander Willson married, June 6, 1905, Elenore Hamilton, daughter of J. P. Hamilton, of East End, Pittsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Willson occupy a beautiful home which is located on Darlington road, Squirrel Hill. Mr. Willson is a man of pleasing personality, popular with his contemporaries and with the trade at large, and possesses in a marked degree the commercial instinct which is the basis of a successful business career.

JOHN W. BENNETT, a representative of a well known and highly respected family of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born in Donegal township, April 17, 1862, a son of Dr. James M. and Catherine (Durstine) Bennett.

Dr. James M. Bennett was born in West Virginia in 1817, and in 1859 removed to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, settling in Donegal township, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine until his death. He married (first) Mary Gilbert, and of this union one child was born, Samaria, the wife of A. J. R. Lóhr, of Greeley, Colorado. His second wife was Annie Grimes, who was the mother of one child, deceased. In 1860 he married Catherine Durstine, and of this union nine children were born, namely: John W., see forward; Henrietta, wife of Philip C. Ralp; Abram L., a farmer in Utah; James E., of Denver, Colorado; Joseph, a resident and farmer of Westmoreland county; Edward, a machinist, of Greensburg; Marion Ward, a farmer of North Dakota; Emma, wife of Edward Ayres; and David. Dr. James M. Bennett died January 19, 1887.

John W. Bennett received a good common school education, and in 1884 commenced upon an independent career, being for five years engaged in farm work. He then established himself in the mercantile business at Jones' Mills, in which he was very profitably engaged for seven years. At the expiration of that period he removed to Bakersville, and there bought out the store of J. Schlag & Co., and was for six years engaged in the conduct of same. In 1902 he removed on the farm where he now resides, and where he gives his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits. His farm is now in a high state of cultivation and improvement, and compares favorably with the finest in the vicinity. Politically Mr. Bennett is a Democrat, and has served in the offices of township clerk, judge of elections, auditor, school director, postmaster in Cleveland's last administration at Jones' Mills. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 350, Moss Rose Lodge, Mount Pleasant. In religious faith he is a member of the Brethren church at Mount Pleasant, and a trustee of the same.

John W. Bennett married, December 13, 1883, Mamie E. Sease, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Slonaker) Sease. To this union three children have been born: Gertrude M., June 13, 1885, a graduate of the high school and the Peterson Business College, of Scottdale; James Roy, May 16, 1891, resides at home; and Harry Joseph, June 22, 1893, lives at home with his parents.

JOHN ALFRED BLANK, a prominent resident of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a contractor in the house papering and painting industry, is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the state.

(I) Solomon Blank, grandfather of John Alfred Blank, was born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1807. He was a shoemaker by trade, and migrated to Westmoreland county in 1837. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and gave his strong support to the Democratic party. He married (first) Catherine Whistler, of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, a native of Holland, who came to this country in 1836. She was a sister of Whistler, the famous painter. The children of Solomon and Catherine (Whistler) Blank were: 1. Thomas, born February 14, 1828, married Keziah Smith, daughter of Jacob Smith, of Harrison City, and had children: Sylvester, Oliver and Kate, who, married Edward Hammer, of Greensburg. 2. Henry, see forward. 3. George Adam, born January 27, 1831, married Lavinia Baum, and had children: George, Jacob, Henry and Solomon. 4. Eliza, born March 12, 1833, married Frederick Bauman. 5. Lydia, born April 12, 1836, married Henry Dixon. 6. Sophia, born October 8, 1839, married Philip Brindle. (See sketch of Richard C. Welty). 7. Susan, born October 11, 1841, married Henry Hilligass, of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and had among other children: Charles, Elmer, Emma. 8. Jonathan died at the age of eight years. Mrs. Blank died in 1840. Mr. Blank married (second) Elizabeth Weaver, and they had children: 1. Mary, married Simon Feightner, and had children: Herman, John, Josephine and Thomas. 2. Josephine, married John M. Zimmermann.

(II) Henry Blank, second son and child of Solomon (I) and Catherine (Whistler) Blank, was born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1829. He obtained a good education in Hempfield township, in the Gate, Dickey and Thomas schoolhouses. He is a member of the First Lutheran church of Greensburg, and is an active worker for the Republican party. He married, September 12, 1850, Susanna Louisa Cribbs, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Miller) Cribbs, of Hempfield township. Their children were: 1. John Alfred, see forward. 2. Elizabeth Alice, born June 28, 1854, married William F. Holtzer, one of the most prosperous farmers of Hempfield township, and has children: Daisy, Charles, Harry, Clara, Lloyd, Oliver and Jennie May. 3. Amanda Jane, born October 16, 1856, died December 4, 1904; she was the wife of Simon Wise, and had children: Coulter, Cora, Gertrude, Clark, and Howard. 4. Sarah Ellen, born September 2, 1860, died in infancy. 5. Mary Caroline, born December 25, 1868, married Harry B. Loughrey, of Greensburg.

(III) John Alfred Blank, eldest child of Henry (2) and Susanna Louisa (Cribbs) Blank, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1852. He was educated in the public schools of Adamsburg and Grapeville, and was then apprenticed to learn the trade of painting with Amos Eisaman, of Greensburg. He is at present successfully engaged in contracting for the papering and painting of houses and similar work. He has been an active worker in the political field of his

county for the Republican party, and was elected constable for the first ward in Greensburg for three years in February, 1905. He fills this office very acceptably, and his public spirit has won for him many friends. He married October 23, 1873, Jennie Reamer, daughter of John and Hannah (Pool) Reamer, of Greensburg, and they have had children: 1. A child not named, died in infancy. 2. Henry Clinton, born August 26, 1875, married Nannie Wallace, daughter of Michael Wallace, of Greensburg, and had children: Elizabeth, Alfred, Sarah, one who died in infancy, and ———. 3. John Reamer, born January 21, 1879, married Maud George, of Greensburg, and has one child, Helen. 4. James Howard, born August, 1881, died February, 1884. 5. Lula Maud, born 1883, married Samuel S. Brownfield. 6 and 7. Jessie Bessie and Joseph Dewitt, born July, 1886, died in infancy. 8. Richard Charles, born November 1, 1895.

In the maternal line Mr. Blank is descended from a family prominently identified with the development of Westmoreland county. The Cribbs family traces its ancestry to the province of Alsace-Lorraine, in Germany. The founders of the family in this country came to America about 1750, landing at Philadelphia. Their children were: George; John, see forward; Jacob, who purchased land and settled in Westmoreland county shortly after the war of the revolution; Susan, married and resided in Philadelphia; Peter George, who served with bravery and was killed in the war of the revolution.

(I) Captain John Cribbs, a representative of the second generation of this family in America, was a soldier of the revolution and was killed at the time of St. Clair's defeat, November 4, 1791, leaving to survive him a widow, Catherine (Harrold) Cribbs, and seven children: Peter, married ——— Steel-smith; Christopher, see forward; John, married Elizabeth Keiffer, Clarion county; George, married ———, Canton, Ohio; Elizabeth, married Joseph Berlin; Mary, married George Repine; Susan, died in infancy.

(II) Christopher Cribbs, second son and child of Captain John (1) and Catherine (Harrold) Cribbs, was born February 10, 1780. He married (first), November 18, 1800, Mary Magdalene Silvis, born November 4, 1780, and had children: 1. John, born August 9, 1801, died July 25, 1805. 2. Peter, born February 3, 1803, married Catherine Miller, December 30, 1824. 3. Catherine, born January 13, 1805, married Daniel Miller, February 25, 1824. 4. Sarah, born January 15, 1807, married Peter Miller, October 8, 1829. 5. Anna, born April 6, 1808, married John Fox, November 18, 1828. 6. Joshua, see forward. 7. Levi, born April 10, 1811, married Hannah Miller, September 19, 1833. 8. Elizabeth, born November 2, 1812, died September 20, 1819. 9. Mary, born November 13, 1814, married Jacob Miller, April 17, 1834. 10. Magdalene, born June 6, 1816, married Peter Smeltzer, March 19, 1837. 11. Samuel, born March 14, 1818, married Sarah Smeltzer, October 27, 1839. 12. George, born April 15, 1820, married Jane Skelly, of Hempfield township, September 4, 1845. 13. Leah, born November 26, 1821, married Jacob Altman, May 20, 1847. 14. Susan-nah, born April 23, 1823. Christopher Cribbs married (second), April 30, 1847, Elizabeth Fisher.

(III) Joshua Cribbs, third son and sixth child of Christopher (2) and Mary Magdalene (Silvis) Cribbs, was born October 6, 1809. He married Elizabeth Miller, February 9, 1832, and among their children was Susannah Louisa.

(IV) Susannah Louisa Cribbs, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Miller) Cribbs, married Henry Blank, September 12, 1850, and their eldest child was John Alfred Blank, whose name heads this sketch.



**WILLIAM KIRK MAYERS.** Among the merchants conducting a prosperous business at Greensburg is William K. Mayers whose paternal great-grandfather's name was Richard. He was born and lived his entire life in England. By trade he was a tailor. He was a dwarf, weighing about the same as the famous Tom Thumb. He married a lady weighing nearly two hundred pounds, and among the children born to them was one son named Robert.

Robert Mayers was also a native of England. He also followed the trade of a tailor, and was not an old man at the time of his death. His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth, who died prior to her husband, leaving several children.

William Mayers, son of Robert and Elizabeth Mayers, was born about 1841, in England, and cared for his young brothers and sisters by mining coal, which he commenced a year after the death of his father, when but eight years of age. He had no advantages whatever for securing an education, which he has deeply regretted all his life. In 1868 he came to America, first touching at Parker's Landing, Butler county, Pennsylvania. From there he went to Petersburg, Pennsylvania, remained there about three years, engaging as a coal miner. He married in 1875 and has lived at Apollo, Armstrong county, at Fairbanks, Jefferson City and numerous places in this section of Pennsylvania, where his services as a miner seemed most demanded. In 1884 the family removed to Greensburg, and they still reside in Carbon, a mining hamlet hard by the borough of Greensburg. In 1899 he became partner in a general store at Carbon; the firm being Sowalsh & Mayers. Mr. Mayers bought his partner out a year later and still continues in trade there.

January 27, 1875, he married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Thompson and Margaret Jane (Brown) McKinstry, born April 9, 1837. By this union the following children were born: Charles Thompson, May 17, 1876, married Emma Rosensteel; William Kirk, October 4, 1877, married Maggie Hayden; James Raymond, November 13, 1879; Maggie Viola, July 8, 1886, married Richard E. Kemerer; Bertha Elizabeth, September 19, 1888, married Henry E. Blaine; Daisy Pearl, October 14, 1891; Walter, December 1, 1894; Clarence, March 20, 1897. The mother of this family, Mary Elizabeth (McKinstry) Mayers, descends from James McKinstry, who lived near Apollo, Pennsylvania. He married Sarah Jackson and reared the following children: Jane, Kate, Sarah, Polly, Betsey, William, James, Alexander, Jackson and Thompson.

Thompson McKinstry (grandfather) was born April 9, 1837. He followed farming and coal mining for his livelihood and both he and his wife now reside in this vicinity. He married Margaret Jane Brown, daughter of Charles and Jane (Kirk) Brown. They were married when but seventeen years of age, in Ireland, and came to Indiana county, Pennsylvania. The children born to them were: Mary Elizabeth, (mother of subject) April 11, 1859; Sarah Jane, August 3, 1860; Ida Gertrude, July 26, 1862, died July 2, 1881; Nancy L., October, 1864; Minnie M. Alice, December 12, 1866; Harriet Lydia Ella, December 10, 1868; Maud, June 27, 1870; Ansley M., February 22, 1875; Lilly, June 25, 1878; Pearl, January, 1880.

William Kirk Mayers, son of William and Mary Elizabeth (McKinstry) Mayers, was born October 4, 1877, and received a good common school education and engaged in business early in life. He married Maggie Hayden, only daughter of John R. Hayden and wife of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. To them have been born: Harry, died in infancy; Margaret; Kirk, William Russell. Politically Mr. Mayers is a supporter of the Democratic party.

JOHN E. KUNKLE, junior member of the well known firm of Robbins & Kunkle, who control a large and important practice, having their residence and professional headquarters in Greensburg, the attractive judicial centre of the county, is a representative of a family that was established in Westmoreland county in the early pioneer era, and their name has long been linked with the history of the old Keystone state.

Michael Kunkle, grandfather of John E. Kunkle, was a worthy and influential farmer of Westmoreland county, where he spent his entire life, and where he met his death as the result of the explosion of the wooden cylinder of an old fashioned tumbling shaft threshing machine.

Amos Kunkle, father of John E. Kunkle, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on the old homestead farm. During a greater portion of his active career he was actively identified with agricultural pursuits, but for a number of years he was also engaged in the lumbering business. He has ever stood high in the esteem of his fellowmen, and is one of the honored pioneer citizens of the county. He is now retired from business and maintains his home in Greensburg. He is a stalwart Republican in politics, and both he and his wife have long been active and devoted members of the First Reformed church. He married Sarah Kepple, also a native of Hempfield township, and of their children seven are living, John E. being the oldest in order of birth. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kunkle are representatives of old and honored families of the county, and both are of sterling German lineage.

John E. Kunkle was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1862. He passed his boyhood days on the old homestead farm, in the meantime acquiring his preliminary education in the public schools. He continued his studies under Messrs. Chamberlain and Ryckman, taught school in Hempfield township in the winter, and attended the Greensburg seminary in the summer, preparatory to studying law. He then took up the study of law in the office of McAfee, Atkinson & Peoples, of Greensburg, at that time one of the leading law firms of the county. He made excellent progress in his technical reading, and December 17, 1887, at the age of twenty-five years, was admitted to the bar of his native county, as well as later to practice in the Superior and Supreme courts. In 1889 Mr. Kunkle entered into his present professional alliance, this firm controlling a large and representative legal business and being concerned in much important litigation. Mr. Kunkle has shown himself a thoroughly qualified trial lawyer and one well informed in the minutiae of the science of jurisprudence, and has ever fortified himself by close and continuous study and by careful and conscientious preparation for every cause which he has brought before court or jury. He is a close observer of the unwritten code of professional ethics, and commands the esteem of his confreres and the confidence and regard of his clientele, while as a citizen he is essentially loyal and public-spirited. He is a member of the Westmoreland County Bar Association, and has attained to high degree in the Masonic fraternity, a member of Kedron Commandery, Knights Templar, Greensburg, and has risen to the thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, being identified with the consistory at Pittsburg, while he is also affiliated with the various York Rite bodies, and is a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Republican in politics. He has long been a member of the First Reformed church and for years an elder in the congregation as well as secretary and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is one of the trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was

for a number of years a director of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pennsylvania, and is now president of that institution.

Mr. Kunkle married, August 17, 1886, Alice Grant Walthour, who was born and reared in Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, daughter of Michael and Cordelia Walthour. Their children are: Cordelia, who died at the age of one year; Sara, Katharine, Margaret, John Edward, Jr., Paul Walthour, Alice Walthour and Louisa.

ELMER AMZIE KUNKLE, proprietor of the "City Restaurant," Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was born May 28, 1871, the son of Amos and Sarah (Kepple) Kunkle. He was born on a farm in Hempfield township, about one mile north of Greensburg. In 1903 he formed a partnership with John Kettering, and they engaged in the catering business, becoming the proprietors of the City Restaurant. They have been very successful in this line, and the business grows continuously. Mr. Kunkle married, October 22, 1903, Alice C. Kemp, daughter of Arthur Kemp, of Pleasant Unity.



























